

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
A. F. & A. M.
OF
MINNESOTA

AT THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION HELD AT
ST. PAUL

JANUARY 15 AND 16, 1896

M. W. JAMES F. LAWLESS, ST. PAUL, GRAND MASTER
R. W. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, ST. PAUL, GRAND SECRETARY

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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

FIRST DAY.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1896.

The forty-third annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masters of Minnesota was held in Masonic Hall, on Fifth street, in the City of St. Paul, commencing at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 15, A. D. 1896, A. L. L. 5896.

The Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges, and reported 189 represented out of 200 on the roll.

A majority being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bro. Irving Todd (7) as Assistant Grand Secretary during the session.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Master appointed as the Committee on Credentials Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, E. J. McMahon (112), and Dwight M. Baldwin (8).

After proxies were handed in, examined, and noted, the Grand Secretary, who had a list prepared of all entitled to attend, called the roll, noted those present, and then presented the report, which was accepted and the committee continued.

The report, as finally corrected, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials report that there are present 15 Grand Officers, 23 permanent members and 327 representatives of 189 out of 200 chartered lodges (including 67 proxies), as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Calvin L. Brown.....	Grand Master
R. W. James F. Lawless.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Alonzo T. Stebbins	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Alonzo Brandenburg	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Joseph H. Thompson.....	Grand Treasurer
R. W. Thomas Montgomery.....	Grand Secretary
Bro. Robert Forbes.....	Grand Orator
Bro. L. D. Boynton.....	Grand Chaplain
Bro. Wm. E. Covey.....	Senior Grand Deacon
Bro. George H. Munro.....	Grand Marshal
Bro. Milton McFadden.....	Grand Standard Bearer
Bro. Frank G. Handy.....	Grand Sword Bearer
Bro. Oscar L. Cutter.....	Junior Grand Steward
Bro. John S. Chapman.....	Grand Pursuivant
Bro. Jean C. Fisher.....	Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Charles W. Nash.....	Past Grand Master
Charles Griswold	Past Grand Master
Edward W. Durant	Past Grand Master
Henry R. Wells	Past Grand Master
Henry R. Denny.....	Past Grand Master
Royal H. Gove.....	Past Grand Master
Jacob A. Kiester	Past Grand Master
Alphonso Barto	Past Grand Master
Wm. F. Dickinson	Past Grand Master
George H. Davis	Past Deputy Grand Master
James N. Castle	Past Deputy Grand Master

Charles L. West	Past Deputy Grand Master
Samuel E. Adams	Past Senior Grand Warden
L. Z. Rogers	Past Senior Grand Warden
Thomas J. Lombard	Past Senior Grand Warden
Edgar Nash	Past Senior Grand Warden
Chas. D. Boyce	Past Senior Grand Warden
Wm. Lee	Past Junior Grand Warden
Wm. B. Patton	Past Junior Grand Warden
E. P. Barnum	Past Junior Grand Warden
Albert Marden	Past Junior Grand Warden
H. C. Shepard	Past Junior Grand Warden
J. D. Markham	Past Junior Grand Warden

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Jacob R. Kolliner, W.: M.: Fred A. Lenox, S.: W.: Thos. H. Warren, proxy for J.: W.:
Cataract, No. 2.....	C. B. Leonard, W.: M.: H. G. Putman, S.: W.: R. H. Hartley, J.: W.:
St. Paul, No. 3.....	Archibald Christie, W.: M.: Edward McStay, S.: W.:
Hennepin, No. 4.....	C. J. Bevan, W.: M.: H. S. Mead, S.: W.: R. W. Bruce, J.: W.:
Ancient Landmark, No. 5...	John S. Pinney, W.: M.: Elman L. Spencer, S.: W.: John D. Grant, J.: W.:
Dakota, No. 7.....	C. W. Munroe, W.: M.: Irving Todd, proxy for S.: W.:
Red Wing, No. 8.....	Hugo J. Herder, W.: M.: Earl J. North, S.: W.: Dwight M. Baldwin, proxy for J.: W.:
Faribault, No. 9.....	W. B. Hawley, W.: M.: J. R. Smith, J.: W.:
Mantorville, No. 11.....	J. M. F. Cooper, W.: M.: A. A. Culver, S.: W.:
Mankato, No. 12.....	Clark Keysor, W.: M.:
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	M. W. Dady, W.: M.: J. A. Vandyke, S.: W.:
Monticello, No. 16.....	E. H. Sherwin, W.: M.: J. M. Comaford, proxy for S.: W.: M. J. Kingsbury, J.: W.:
Hokah, No. 17.....	L. T. Lyon, W.: M.:
Winona, No. 18.....	E. Stott, W.: M.: O. M. Botsford, J.: W.:

- Minneapolis, No. 19.....Henry R. Adams, W.: M.:
H. M. Myers, proxy for S.: W.:
C. D. Raymer, J.: W.:
- Caledonia, No. 20.....W. G. Drowley, W.: M.:
- Rochester, No. 21.....W. W. Churchill, W.: M.:
Hector Galloway, proxy for S.: W.:
R. H. Gove, proxy for J.: W.:
- Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....Adison Reese, S.: W.:
- North Star, No. 23.....J. C. Munro, proxy for W.: M.:
Milton K. Nelson, proxy for S.: W.:
- Wilton, No. 24.....Geo. Hofeld, W.: M.:
- Western Star, No. 26.....F. M. Crane, proxy for Lodge.
- Blue Earth Valley, No. 27...Joseph Finch, S.: W.:
- Clearwater, No. 28.....C. D. Whittemore, W.: M.:
- Morning Star, No. 29.....Joseph Robellard, W.: M.:
- Anoka, No. 30.....Oscar L. Cutter, W.: M.:
H. O. Hilton, proxy for S.: W.:
- King Hiram, No. 31.....Ed. R. Bristol, W.: M.:
Henry A. Engler, J.: W.:
- Sakatah, No. 32.....H. E. Blair, W.: M.:
- Star in the East, No. 33....P. J. Rolfe, W.: M.:
- Oriental, No. 34.....Hiram E. Conley, W.: M.:
Leonard A. Rosing, S.: W.:
- Mount Moriah, No. 35.....Walter S. Tuttle, W.: M.:
- Preston, No. 36.....Harry E. Wertz, W.: M.:
- Mystic Tie, No. 37.....Chas. L. Parham, W.: M.:
- Washington, No. 38.....D. C. Gardner, S.: W.:
E. H. Catlin, J.: W.:
- Fidelity, No. 39.....A. C. Page, W.: M.:
E. Williamson, S.: W.:
- Carnelian, No. 40.....L. S. Lutz, W.: M.:
W. A. Hubbard, J.: W.:
- Hermón, No. 41.....E. Woodbury, W.: M.:
- Hope, No. 42.....Wm. C. Russell, W.: M.:
- Harmony, No. 43.....Lewis J. Baldwin, W.: M.:
- King Solomon, No. 44.....Isaac Lincoln, proxy for W.: M.:
C. G. Hinds, S.: W.:
- Union, No. 45.....J. H. Isenhour, J.: W.:
- Evergreen, No. 46.....Otto Schleuder, W.: M.:
E. F. Barrett, S.: W.:
- Concord, No. 47.....Alvin Farnsworth, J.: W.:
J. W. Chambers, W.: M.:
W. C. Davis, S.: W.:
- M. A. Hill, J.: W.:

Social, No. 48.....	John S. Way, Jr., W.: M.: F. A. Noble, proxy for S.: W.: John W. Hunter, J.: W.:
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	Acil Hendee, J.: W.:
Watertown, No. 50.....	W. St. John, S.: W.:
Acacia, No. 51.....	Jas. A. McHattie, Sr., W.: M.:
Cannon River, No. 52.....	F. H. Osterhout, W.: M.:
Nicollet, No. 54.....	Wm. H. Hall, proxy for Lodge.
Zion, No. 55.....	Geo. W. Seymour, proxy for W.: M.: Ed. H. Folsom, S.: W.:
Meridian, No. 56.....	Joseph Underleak, W.: M.: John Chermak, S.: W.:
	John H. Kingsley, J.: W.:
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	J. H. Sprout, W.: M.:
Spring Valley, No. 58.....	Benj. F. Farmer, W.: M.:
Temple, No. 59.....	W. W. Sivright, W.: M.: H. L. Merrill, S.: W.:
	W. R. Davidson, J.: W.:
Star in the West, No. 60.....	C. S. Allen, W.: M.: Lucas Kells, proxy for S.: W.:
	L. R. Barto, proxy for J.: W.:
Ashler, No. 61.....	Geo. L. Wood, W.: M.: Edwin Dunn, proxy for S.: W.:
	A. F. Rockwell, proxy for J.: W.:
Star, No. 62.....	Frank H. Johnson, S.: W.:
Illustrious, No. 63.....	F. A. Wells, proxy for W.: M.: A. Smith, proxy for J.: W.:
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	Valentine Wohlhuter, W.: M.:
Golden Rule, No. 65.....	O. F. Thomas, W.: M.:
Madelia, No. 66.....	M. S. Dossett, W.: M.:
Corinthian, No. 67.....	J. M. D. Craft, proxy for Lodge.
Mystic Star, No. 69.....	Nels H. Tofstad, W.: M.: G. W. Rockwell, proxy for J.: W.:
Paynesville, No. 71.....	Frederick Harper, W.: M.:
Lansing, No. 72.....	H. R. Soule, W.: M.:
Brownsville, No. 73.....	C. D. See, W.: M.:
Eureka, No. 75.....	George W. Palmer, W.: M.: W. M. Walker, S.: W.:
	Nelson R. Miller, J.: W.:
Joppa, No. 76.....	Lysander Cook, W.: M.: J. G. Graham, proxy for J.: W.:
Tuscan, No. 77.....	S. Swenson, W.: M.:
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....	Wm. A. Vance, W.: M.:
Palestine, No. 79.....	Ellsworth Benham, W.: M.: Wm. G. Ten Brook, proxy for J.: W.:
Henderson, No. 80.....	Not represented.

Constellation, No. 81.....	Oscar J. Robards, W.: M.: W. B. Wilson, proxy for J.: W.:
Howard, No. 82.....	Wm. Lossing, W.: M.:
Huram Abi, No. 83.....	J. G. Wheeler, W.: M.: Chas. L. Chambers, S.: W.:
Orient, No. 84.....	Albert G. Larson, S.: W.:
High Forest, No. 85.....	F. E. Dean, W.: M.:
Tyrian, No. 86.....	G. W. Hall, W.: M.: J. B. Gregoire, S.: W.:
Doric, No. 87.....	J. A. Johnson, S.: W.:
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Myron E. Baum, W.: M.: Peter Berens, S.: W.:
Good Faith, No. 90.....	Alex. Fiddes, W.: M.:
Antiquity, No. 91.....	O. L. Dornberg, W.: M.:
Fraternal, No. 92.....	Guy Ewing, W.: M.: Chas. A. Dickey, proxy for S.: W.:
Unity, No. 93.....	L. L. Sartell, W.: M.:
Keystone, No. 94.....	Jesse Palmer, W.: M.:
Sherburne, No. 95.....	W. F. Chadbourne, W.: M.: Amos L. Colson, S.: W.: Eubra E. Bryant, J.: W.:
Libanus, No. 96.....	W. H. Hiles, W.: M.: Thos. Torson, J.: W.:
Prudence, No. 97.....	W. Adelbert Smith, W.: M.:
Charity, No. 98.....	Joseph A. Eckstein, proxy for W.: M.: Chas. W. Heimann, S.: W.:
Corner Stone, No. 99.....	John T. Johnson, W.: M.:
Aurora, No. 100.....	G. F. Mitchel, W.: M.: G. D. La Bar, S.: W.:
Fraternity, No. 101.....	Benj. L. Thurber, W.: M.: I. P. Durfee, proxy for S.: W.: Daniel Shell, proxy for J.: W.:
Lebanon, No. 102.....	Not represented.
Bethel, No. 103.....	Edwin C. Hamlin, S.: W.:
Sharon, No. 104.....	James Sanderson, W.: M.: Olof Olson, S.: W.: S. B. Qvale, J.: W.:
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	H. F. Jacobs, J.: W.:
Relief, No. 108.....	G. W. Ballard, W.: M.: W. B. Parsons, S.: W.: W. B. Parsons, proxy for J.: W.:
Sunset, No. 109.....	Chas. E. Barber, W.: M.: W. H. Wells, proxy for S.: W.: R. S. Bacon, J.: W.:
Pickwick, No. 110.....	Jas. B. Rutherford, proxy for W.: M.:

Carver, No. 111.....	George C. E. Goetze, W.: M.: Wm. H. Caspari, S.: W.: Fred Gehl, J.: W.:
Khurum, No. 112.....	A. J. Switzer, W.: M.: D. W. Knowlton, S.: W.: E. J. McMahon, proxy for J.: W.:
Excelsior, No. 113.....	C. O. Woodruff, W.: M.: W. B. Mason, S.: W.:
Ben Franklin, No. 114.....	John P. Houg, S.: W.:
Elgin, No. 115.....	J. W. Bryant, W.: M.:
Lafayette, No. 116.....	J. B. Graves, W.: M.:
Granite, No. 117.....	James K. Stone, proxy for Lodge.
Newport, No. 118.....	I. Q. Mackintosh, W.: M.: J. D. Carroll, proxy for S.: W.: H. J. Baily, J.: W.:
Delta, No. 119.....	O. E. Maxson, W.: M.: W. R. Drew, proxy for S.: W.: J. D. Gibbons, proxy for J.: W.:
Grand Meadow, No. 121.....	George W. Day, W.: M.:
Kellogg, No. 122.....	H. W. Canfield, W.: M.:
Prairie, No. 123.....	A. S. Hancock, proxy for Lodge.
Jamesville, No. 124.....	D. J. Dodge, W.: M.: Edward S. Lieberg, S.: W.: Marcus A. Devereaux, J.: W.:
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....	G. M. Henry, W.: M.:
Moorhead, No. 126.....	F. H. Peterson, W.: M.:
Josephus, No. 128.....	James P. Emerson, W.: M.: Wesley D. Sprague, J.: W.:
Swift, No. 129.....	L. J. Lageson, W.: M.: J. W. Clark, proxy for S.: W.:
Arcturus, No. 130.....	A. H. Allen, proxy for Lodge.
Alma, No. 131.....	Frank B. Locey, proxy for Lodge.
Humboldt, No. 132.....	Aug. H. Ackermann, W.: M.: H. S. Vogler, S.: W.: Christ. Hansen, J.: W.:
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....	John W. Eddy, proxy for Lodge.
Cokato, No. 134.....	Mencer Johnson, W.: M.: J. A. Eklund, S.: W.:
Nelson, No. 135.....	O. H. Bushnell, W.: M.:
Walnut, No. 136.....	Not represented.
Appleton, No. 137.....	J. S. Ewers, W.: M.: J. R. Dow, S.: W.: Bernard Miller, J.: W.:
Orion, No. 138.....	C. E. Macomber, W.: M.: James H. Strong, S.: W.: E. A. D. Salter, proxy for J.: W.:

Verndale, No. 139.....	C. E. Bullard, proxy for W.: M.:
Little Falls, No. 140.....	L. D. Brown, J.: W.:
Crookston, No. 141.....	Tom Morris, W.: M.:
Currie, No. 142.....	Neil Currie, W.: M.:
Lake View, No. 143.....	John Van Allen, proxy for W.: M.:
	Hayden French, S.: W.:
Bird Island, No. 144.....	J. H. Feeter, W.: M.:
Benton, No. 146.....	C. W. Stites, W.: M.:
	Hans A. Hanson, proxy for S.: W.:
	Marcus Lauritsen, proxy for J.: W.:
Canby, No. 147.....	J. P. Lester, W.: M.:
Quarry, No. 148.....	Geo. W. Nash, proxy for W.: M.:
	C. W. Gilmore, proxy for S.: W.:
	George W. Nash, J.: W.:
Guardian, No. 149.....	E. G. Padden, W.: M.:
	Allen Wilson, S.: W.:
Warren, No. 150.....	J. P. Easton, W.: M.:
Chaska, No. 151.....	W. C. Odell, W.: M.:
	Edmund Salter, S.: W.:
	C. A. Gehl, J.: W.:
Frontier, No. 152.....	George L. Bonney, proxy for W.: M.:
	John C. Nolan, proxy for S.: W.:
	Geo. L. Bonney, proxy for J.: W.:
Kodahya, No. 153.....	F. C. Campbell, W.: M.:
	A. S. Crossfield, proxy for S.: W.:
	Geo. I. Becker, proxy for J.: W.:
Norman, No. 154.....	Louis Hintze, W.: M.:
Tracy, No. 155.....	Fremont S. Brown, W.: M.:
Wadena, No. 156.....	F. B. Coon, S.: W.:
Perham, No. 157.....	A. Marshall, proxy for W.: M.:
	J. L. Barthold, proxy for J.: W.:
Hector, No. 158.....	H. A. Reed, W.: M.:
Long Prairie, No. 159.....	A. M. Darling, S.: W.:
Plymouth, No. 160.....	John Chadwick, W.: M.:
	Otto Lohff, S.: W.:
Sincerity, No. 161.....	W. R. Holly, W.: M.:
Prescott, No. 162.....	W. H. Townsend, W.: M.:
	A. W. Wells, J.: W.:
Summit, No. 163.....	James E. Orme, W.: M.:
	H. M. Tusler, proxy for J.: W.:
Jasper, No. 164.....	Alvah J. Stowe, W.: M.:
	Chas. F. Jackson, S.: W.:
	John D. Hoar, J.: W.:
Minnehaha, No. 165.....	Edmund H. Abbott, W.: M.:
	Wesley A. Stevens, S.: W.:
	W. O. Clark, J.: W.:

Garnet, No. 166.....	David Hanna, W.: M.: S. O. Francis, S.: W.: N. M. Henkel, J.: W.:
Agate, No. 167.....	Not represented.
Braden, No. 168.....	H. W. Eddy, W.: M.: A. W. Jones, S.: W.:
Pierson, No. 169.....	Frank D. Bell, W.: M.:
Fulda, No. 170.....	John Hyslop, S.: W.: Chas. B. Augur, J.: W.:
Shekinah, No. 171.....	Vincent J. Hawkins, W.: M.: Thomas Yould, S.: W.: Chas. S. Schurman, J.: W.:
Marietta, No. 172.....	Beecher Fream, W.: M.:
Plumb Line, No. 173.....	Not represented.
Valley, No. 174.....	O. J. Johnson, proxy for W.: M.: C. L. Peterson, proxy for S.: W.:
Roman Eagle, No. 175.....	C. W. Becker, S.: W.:
Ark, No. 176.....	Hugh R. Scott, W.: M.: Chas. Wilkins, S.: W.: Leon A. Cox, J.: W.:
Rough Ashler, No. 177.....	E. E. Chamberlain, W.: M.:
Anchor, No. 178.....	George E. Putney, W.: M.:
King David, No. 179.....	S. H. Taylor, S.: W.:
Osakis, No. 180.....	John H. Rock, W.: M.: Wm. B. Lyons, proxy for J.: W.:
Dalles, No. 181.....	Henry B. Allen, S.: W.:
Fair Haven, No. 182.....	W. S. Huntington, W.: M.: W. O. Sterling, proxy for S.: W.:
Pelican Rapids, No. 183.....	Not represented.
Shell, No. 184.....	J. W. Blood, S.: W.:
Midway, No. 185.....	Horace Pentacost, W.: M.: Chas. N. Akers, S.: W.: Wm. H. Turner, J.: W.:
Ionic, No. 186.....	F. W. Kugler, S.: W.:
Arcana, No. 187.....	Dan C. Brown, proxy for W.: M.: A. J. Morrill, proxy for J.: W.:
Fortitude, No. 188.....	George Mumford, W.: M.:
Traverse, No. 189.....	S. W. Frasier, W.: M.:
Triune, No. 190.....	E. D. Parker, W.: M.: Joseph C. Henry, S.: W.: Chas. M. Benham, J.: W.:
Mizpah, No. 191.....	L. N. Bryant, W.: M.:
Crow River, No. 192.....	Not represented.
Amboy, No. 193.....	Not represented.
Canton, No. 194.....	D. B. Norton, W.: M.: M. C. Willford, J.: W.:

Renville, No. 195.....	Geo. S. Humphrey, W.: M.: W. L. Pennell, proxy for S.: W.:
Geneva, No. 196.....	Christian D. Obricht, S.: W.:
Vermillion, No. 197.....	Not represented.
Euclid, No. 198.....	Edward Elston, W.: M.: G. T. Mallory, S.: W.: Wm. Simpson, J.: W.:
Murray, No. 199.....	Alvin H. Day, J.: W.:
Zenith, No. 200.....	Jullus Westinghouse, W.: M.:
Kenyon, No. 201.....	John Holme, W.: M.: M. H. Silvernail, S.: W.: C. Clausen, proxy for J.: W.:
Venus, No. 202.....	Chris. M. Anderson, W.: M.:
Stewartville, No. 203.....	W. L. Humason, proxy for Lodge.
St. Elmo, No. 204.....	Andrew Rae, J.: W.:
Wayzata, No. 205.....	Not represented.
Fosston, No. 206.....	Not represented.
Crescent, No. 207.....	E. E. Daniels, W.: M.:
Itasca, No. 208.....	Hubert D. Powers, J.: W.:
Sibley, No. 209.....	J. A. E. Johnson, W.: M.: H. A. Sauer, J.: W.:
Columbian, No. 210.....	John F. Humiston, W.: M.:
Friendship, No. 211.....	C. N. Slawson, W.: M.:
Hallock, No. 212.....	Elmer C. Yetter, W.: M.:
Mystic, No. 213.....	F. M. Shook, W.: M.:
Evansville, No. 214.....	Ole Kron, S.: W.:
Argyle, No. 215.....	Thos. T. Clark, proxy for W.: M.: J. W. McKay, S.: W.: Wm. Cuthill, proxy for J.: W.:

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Charles D. Boyce.....	for British Columbia
Edward W. Durant.....	for Canada
Alphonso Barto.....	for Colon and Cuba, and Michigan
Thomas Montgomery	for Colorado
Charles Griswold	for Connecticut
Henry R. Denny.....	for Delaware and Washington
James B. Markham	for District of Columbia
Edward P. Barnum.....	for Florida, Idaho, and South Australia
Royal H. Gove.....	for Indian Territory and Utah
Calvin L. Brown.....	for Kansas
Chas. W. Nash.....	for Louisiana
Luther Z. Rogers.....	for Maine
Henry C. Shepherd.....	for Manitoba

Henry R. Wells.....for Mississippi, North and South Dakota
 Albert Marden..... for Nevada
 James N. Castle.....for New Brunswick and Quebec
 William Lee.....for New Hampshire
 Joseph H. Thompson.....for New Jersey
 Jacob A. Kiester.....for New York, Nova Scotia, and Texas
 William B. Patton.....for Pennsylvania
 Wm. F. Dickinson.....for Tennessee
 Samuel E. Adams.....for Vermont
 Charles L. West.....for West Virginia
 George H. Davis.....for Wisconsin

Bro. C. H. Smith, Past Junior Grand Warden and representative
 for Victoria, is reported dangerously ill at his home in St. Paul.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
 EDWARD J. McMAHON,
 DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
 Committee.

On motion, the gallery was thrown open to visiting
 brethren in good standing.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment
 until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor
 at three o'clock. Officers and members as before. The
 Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

A. S. Crossfield (153), J. C. Munro (23), F. S. Brown (155).

FINANCE.

L. Z. Rogers (32), C. D. Boyce (2), W. F. Dickinson (91),
 J. M. D. Craft (67), Irving Todd (7).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Past Grand Masters Wells, Denny, Griswold, Kiester,
 and Barto.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

C. W. Nash, S. E. Adams, E. W. Durant, Thos. J. Lombard, E. P. Barnum.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

W. H. Townsend (162), C. W. Gilmore (148), D. W. Knowlton (112), J. D. Markham (164), W. C. Odell (151).

APPROPRIATIONS.

H. R. Wells, H. R. Denny, W. B. Patton (79).

LODGES U. S. D.

R. H. Gove (21), A. Marden (98), D. M. Baldwin (8), C. L. West (39), Wm. G. Ten Brook (79).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), C. D. Boyce (2), S. W. Frasier (189).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Alex Fiddes (90), J. H. Sprout (57).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Clark Keysor (12), Isaac P. Durfee (101).

Grand Master Brown then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The past year has been an uneventful one. No great calamity has befallen the people. Evidence of a departing panic and returning good times, and a consequently encouraged people, is seen on every hand. The toiling husbandman has been rewarded by a bountiful crop, the laborer has found employment, and the occupation of the business man has returned. In our own ranks peace and harmony have continued master over discord and strife, and prosperity has dwelt within our walls. For this state of things we return our thanks to the Supreme Ruler of all, humbly ask for a continuance of his care and protection, promising in return that our efforts shall continue in harmony with his will.

Time, so far as this world is concerned, has ceased and ended with some of our brothers since last we met, and we mourn their departure to that future to which we are all hastening. It would be a singular year indeed in which we were not called upon to thus mourn. Being "born to die," we must in due time bow to the

Grim Reaper, and take our place in the ranks of the departed. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors." An appropriate memorial page will appear in our printed proceedings.

The duties of the office of Grand Master have not diminished. The correspondence has been as large as usual, but all matters demanding attention have received due and proper care. During the early part of the year I was absent from the state, but my place was filled and the duties of the office ably performed by R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master Lawless. For his kindness in responding to my every call during the year and his able and timely assistance, I express my great appreciation and hearty thanks.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The subordinate lodges chartered at the last communication of the Grand Lodge were all constituted in due time, and set to work. Argyle Lodge, No. 215, at Argyle, by Bro. Thos. C. Shapleigh, acting as my proxy; Evansville Lodge, No. 214, at Evansville, by Bro. L. R. Barto, acting for me; and Mystic Lodge, No. 213, at Aitkin, by Bro. J. H. Rhodes, acting as my proxy.

I shall watch with some interest the progress of these lodges and others chartered during my administration, and trust and hope that they will prove successful, and at no distant day be numbered among those standing well up in the list of good lodges.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Dispensations for new lodges have been granted during the year, as follows:

On March 26th, for a new lodge at Wood Lake, in Yellow Medicine county, to be named Florence Lodge, with Bro. C. H. Child as Worshipful Master, Bro. H. A. Green as Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry Howard as Junior Warden.

On July 23d, for a new lodge at St. Paul, to be named Capital City Lodge, with Bro. E. D. Trudgen as Worshipful Master, Bro. Henry Garner as Senior Warden, and Bro. Fred Naylor as Junior Warden.

On September 16th, for a new lodge at Dassel, in Meeker county, to be named Griswold Lodge, with Bro. Isaac Vervalen as Worshipful Master, Bro. L. W. Leighton as Senior Warden, and Bro. Lindsay Pancake as Junior Warden.

An application for a dispensation for a new lodge at Dexter, in Mower county, was refused, because it was concluded, after proper investigation and reflection, that a lodge could not be sustained at that place. A similar application for a new lodge at Arlington was refused for similar reasons. Perhaps the brethren at both these points

may be able to make a better and more satisfactory showing at some time in the near future, and be successful in their efforts.

The officers of the lodges U. S. D. S. will be present and undoubtedly ask for charters, and if their work and showing is found satisfactory, I recommend that charters be granted them.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS GRANTED AND REFUSED.

On March 23d a dispensation was ordered issued permitting and authorizing Crow River Lodge, No. 192, located at New London, in Kandiyohi county, to change its location from said New London, to Belgrade, in Stearns county. The members were unanimous for the change, and the constitution of the Grand Lodge in reference to such changes was in all things complied with. The change of location was made in accordance with the dispensation.

On November 16th a like dispensation was issued, permitting and authorizing Plumb Line Lodge, No. 173, to change its location from Maine Prairie to Kimball Prairie, in Stearns county, a distance of about five miles.

Special dispensations have been granted authorizing lodges to appear in public in attending religious services on St. John's day, but applications to appear in public and join parades on Decoration Day and July 4th have all been denied.

For reasons which appeared to me quite satisfactory, I granted a special dispensation authorizing Capital City Lodge, U. S. D. S., to receive, refer, and ballot on the petition of a candidate at one and the same communication.

A special dispensation authorizing a lodge to confer the several degrees on candidates without such candidates being required to show the necessary proficiency in each preceding degree, was refused.

A Worshipful Master requested a dispensation authorizing him to order a new ballot on a petition for the degrees, on the ground that the only black ball appearing to have been cast was cast by mistake, the brother casting it so declaring to the Worshipful Master after the close of the lodge. The request was refused.

PELICAN RAPIDS LODGE, NO. 183.

This lodge has about ceased to exist. Its members are scattered, and no meeting has been held for nearly two years. It is understood to be beyond reviving, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a citation to its last officers, requiring them to show cause at this session of the Grand Lodge why the charter should not be reclaimed. The order has been duly served, and the matter should go to the proper committee.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, NO. 68.

This lodge, located at Fort Garry, was chartered in 1867, and was the foundation of Masonry in Northwest Canada. It has never

been represented, if I am not mistaken, at any session of the Grand Lodge. Its membership has probably long since been absorbed by the lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and its records and papers are now in the possession of the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge. He concedes them to be the property of this Grand Lodge, and while holding them subject to our order, makes the following request:

"These records and dispensations are, of course, the property of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and I will hold them subject to your order. I would at the same time make a request on behalf of our Grand Lodge, that we may be permitted to retain these records, to be placed in our archives, and treasured as heirlooms of priceless value and handed down to the succeeding generations as mementos of the past and as an enduring remembrance of the source from which Masonry in the Canadian Northwest sprung."

The request should be granted, unless some good reason appears to make it improper to grant it.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

New by-laws of a number of subordinate lodges have been approved, and amendments to old ones. Some have been disapproved, but need no special mention with perhaps one exception. A lodge adopted a new by-law as follows:

"Section 1. Whenever any member in arrears for dues shall present a bill against the lodge, and said bill be allowed, the Secretary shall draw an order for the same and place it to the member's credit. But if said bill exceed in amount the said member's dues, the Secretary shall draw an additional order in his favor for such excess."

The by-law should not be approved because it is not in harmony with the principles of masonic law. "Freemasonry is in all respects a voluntary association, and as no one is expected or permitted to enter within its folds unless it be of his own free will and accord, so should his continuance in it be through an exercise of the same voluntary disposition." While it is a Mason's duty to belong to some lodge and contribute thereby to the support of Masonry, the duration of his membership is a matter solely for him to determine. No lodge should attempt by by-law to compel members to remain such. If they do not pay their dues, and will not do so even when the lodge is indebted to them, they should be stricken from the rolls.

FIRES.

On Sept. 19, 1895, the hall and part of the property of Dalles Lodge, No. 181, at Cloquet, was destroyed by fire. The charter and most of the lodge property was saved.

On the night of October 12th last the masonic temple at Duluth was partly destroyed by fire. The masonic bodies lost heavily, and the brethren are entitled to the fraternal sympathy of all. Some of the best Masons in the state reside at Duluth, and I regret exceedingly their great loss. Their property was covered by insurance, except the masonic library, worth \$1,500, which was totally destroyed and insured for only \$200.

On October 22d, the hall, with charter, records, and all furniture, of Geneva Lodge, No. 196, were totally burned and destroyed. The loss is total, the property not being insured. A special dispensation was issued authorizing the lodge to continue its meetings and work until its charter could be replaced. I recommend that a duplicate charter be issued without fee.

On January 5th, this year, a fire destroyed the hall, charter, and all the lodge property of Prescott Lodge, No. 162, located at Herman. The brethren had but \$150 insurance, and the loss is a severe one. However, they are not discouraged, will ask for a new charter, and I recommend that the request be granted and without fee.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

I believe there is no instance of the consolidation of lodges upon record in this jurisdiction. It is, however, quite common elsewhere, the usual mode of procedure being a vote of both lodges in a duly summoned communication to unite under the charter and name of the senior lodge, the junior charter being surrendered for cancellation. This seems to be the only fair and equitable basis, for the reason that the combined membership thereby retain a masonic age and standing that would otherwise be irretrievably lost. Perhaps it would be well for the Committee on Jurisprudence to formulate a definite plan for the future guidance of our lodges should occasion ever require it.

DECISIONS.

1. A year or so ago a person joined, in Montana, what he supposed was a masonic lodge. It was chartered by the Colored Grand Lodge of Missouri. He now desires to petition for membership in this state. The Worshipful Master of the lodge which he sought to join wrote me as follows: "He joined the lodge in Montana under the supposition that it was all right, and did not know that it was chartered by the Colored Grand Lodge of Missouri. He is a good citizen, and desires to renounce the Montana membership and become a regular Mason. Can we receive his petition? Is he required to pay full fees? Are we compelled to confer the degrees in full?"

To these questions I answered: "You may receive his petition for the degrees the same as you would receive one from any profane. He is not a Mason to us, and we cannot recognize him as such,

nor as having any masonic rights whatever. He must be initiated, passed, and raised in the usual and regular way."

2. A brother and member of a subordinate lodge being the cause of the downfall of a young lady, and having left for parts unknown, I was asked by the Worshipful Master of his lodge what the lodge should do. I answered, that the Mason who trifles with the affections of an innocent girl, whether she be the daughter or sister of a Master Mason or not, causes her to become the mother of an illegitimate child, and then abandons her to the world, grossly violates the moral law, is consequently guilty of a masonic offense, and should be prosecuted and punished with all convenient speed.

3. Question.—How long should the lodge receiving the second petition defer action thereon after giving the notice required by resolution passed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge?

The resolution referred to is as follows:

"Resolved, That every petitioner for the degree of Masonry * * * shall state in his petition whether he has ever been rejected by another lodge, and if so, he shall give the name, number, and location of the lodge so rejecting him. In case of former rejection, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the lodge receiving such petition to notify the lodge rejecting him." * * *

Answer.—The evident purpose of this resolution is to give the rejecting lodge, or the member casting the black ball, an opportunity to make known the reasons for the rejection, if deemed proper to be made known, or to show why the petitioner should not be received into the fraternity. All that can be expected or required of the lodge receiving the second petition is to give the necessary notice and then wait a reasonable time before acting thereon. The lodge notified should act promptly, but should have a reasonable time within which to make known any reasons it may wish to make known why the petitioner should be rejected. The petition should not be balloted on until at least one regular communication is held by the rejecting lodge after the proper notice is given it. It should then be disposed of in the usual way.

4. Statement.—When Pickwick Lodge, No. 110, was first organized, the members thereof, and of Morning Star Lodge, No. 29, understood that the boundaries of their respective lodges were to be settled and fixed by agreement between them. Accordingly, each appointed a committee to arrange details. It was thereafter agreed between the two lodges that a certain specified part of the natural jurisdiction of Pickwick Lodge should be given to Morning Star Lodge, and in return for the same a part of the natural jurisdiction of Morning Star Lodge was left to the option of the candidate. A person from this latter territory recently petitioned Pickwick Lodge for the degrees, and the Worshipful Master of Morning Star objected thereto, on the ground that the arrangement between the two lodges was irregular, unlawful, and void.

Answer.—Subordinate lodges have no power or authority to change or modify Grand Lodge rules or regulations, and attempts to do so are nullities. The agreement made between these two lodges can have no such force or effect, and cannot be treated as changing the law of the Grand Lodge on the subject of jurisdiction between subordinate lodges. But it being competent for one lodge to waive jurisdiction over persons residing within its territory in favor of some other lodge within the state, the agreement in question should be held valid and binding as such a waiver, until such time as one of the lodges withdraws therefrom and gives notice of such withdrawal. It is a voluntary agreement, and may be terminated by either lodge at pleasure. But until terminated, and by notice duly given, it should be respected as a waiver of jurisdiction. The petition was, therefore, properly received by Pickwick Lodge.

5. Question.—Does the reversal by the Grand Lodge of the judgment of Itasca Lodge whereby Allen G. Bernard was suspended, operate to restore him to membership in Itasca Lodge?

Answer.—Yes. Rule 12 of the old trial code, which provided to the contrary, was repealed by the adoption of the new code in 1887. A reversal by the Grand Lodge now has the effect of restoring a suspended or expelled member to all his rights in the lodge which suspended or expelled him. Under the Grand Lodge constitution, a restoration to all rights and privileges of Masonry does not restore to membership in the subordinate lodge; but when on appeal, the Grand Lodge reverses the action and judgment of the subordinate lodge, such membership is restored.

6. Question.—Is there a limit of time within which a candidate for the degrees must present himself for initiation?

Answer.—There is no limit by any Grand Lodge regulation, and none at all, unless found in the by-laws of the subordinate lodge.

7. Statement and Question.—Doric Lodge, on Nov. 7, 1895, voted to assess each member three dollars towards furnishing a new hall. Several members, a month or six weeks later, applied for dimits. Can we refuse them dimits if they refuse to pay the assessment but are otherwise clear on the books?

Answer.—The question whether a subordinate lodge may make a special assessment such as is shown by the foregoing statement is a new one in this jurisdiction. I find no decision on the subject. After due consideration, I advised the lodge, and ruled, that the assessment could not be sustained, and that the members referred to were entitled to dimits without paying it. The objection to the assessment is not to the object for which it was made, for the object named is a good one, but to the authority of a subordinate lodge to make a special assessment for any purpose in the absence of a Grand Lodge regulation or local by-law authorizing it. Such special assessments are without authority, and should be held invalid.

Some of the questions asked during the year clearly indicate and show that there is, perhaps, a neglect of duty somewhere in the matter of causing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be read in the several subordinate lodges. The constitution, general regulations, and ancient charges should be read in open lodge at least once a year. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge should be read as soon as received—not only the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but the excellent report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as well, for much valuable information is contained therein. Masons should know and familiarize themselves with masonic law, and no better way can be found to that end than reading these proceedings and other masonic works in open lodge, and discussing such topics of interest as occur to the brethren. “Todd’s New Digest” is an excellent and complete work, and may be read with profit from beginning to end. In addition to a digest of all our masonic laws, he has added the masonic funeral service and the service for the installation of officers.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

The friendly relations between this and other grand jurisdictions still continue. Nothing has, and it is hoped that nothing will, occur to mar those relations. Recent events tending to disturb the peace between the government of this country and that of England, have brought expressions and sentiments of peace and good will from the fraternity of England and this country in no uncertain tone; and it is gratifying indeed to note the unanimity that prevails on the subject. We anticipate no serious trouble between the two greatest and most highly enlightened nations of the age, and confidently predict that the differences now existing between them will be amicably and peaceably adjusted. “It has been truly said that ‘Masonry should unite the people of all nations, creeds, and opinions.’” Peace and harmony is a mission of the order, and should be invoked both within and without its gates, between its votaries, those without its fold, and even between nations and governments of the world. In time of peace we should strive to preserve and continue those sentiments and conditions best calculated to insure harmony between men; and in time of war, and while in the performance of his duty to the government of the country in which he lives, the Mason will never lose sight of or forget the principles of friendship and brotherly love existing between members of the masonic world, and will, on the battle-field, bind up the wounds of the afflicted and injured brother enemy, bear tenderly his remains to the grave, and send greetings and messages of kindness and gifts of charity and benevolence to his distressed widow and needy orphan.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba send the following greeting to the brethren of this jurisdiction:

“Whereas, The sacred teachings of Freemasonry were first introduced into this city and thence spread throughout the Northwest

Territories of the Dominion of Canada under the auspices of the Military Lodge at Fort Pembina, owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the said Grand Lodge of Minnesota granted a charter to Northern Light Lodge at Fort Garry, now the City of Winnipeg, in 1867; and,

"Whereas, The brethren of this city and jurisdiction have always cherished with kindly remembrances the fraternal action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Masons of Winnipeg now assembled do hereby request the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to convey to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the brethren of his jurisdiction the sincere wish and hope of the Masons of Winnipeg and of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba that the fraternal bond of harmony and sympathy so happily inaugurated by the brethren of the Military Lodge at Fort Pembina may never be disturbed, and to accept from the Masons of this city and jurisdiction fraternal greetings of good will for the new year."

We accept with grateful appreciation the greetings and sentiments thus expressed and conveyed, and return to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the fraternity in its jurisdiction sentiments and greetings in kind. "Peace on earth; good will toward men."

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin ask for a rehearing in the matter of its new regulation on the subject of masonic relief. The proposed regulation was submitted to this Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, and was rejected after reference to and report by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. The request for a rehearing is in the form of a circular letter, supported by the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of California. The matter should be referred to the proper committee. Nearly all the Grand Lodges which have acted thereon have rejected the new regulation. It is generally regarded as in conflict with the true principles of masonic charity.

MASONIC BEGGING.

Much annoyance has resulted during the year, not only to the Grand Master but to the Grand Secretary as well, from the circulation by members of this jurisdiction of appeals for pecuniary aid throughout several of our sister jurisdictions. The one causing the most disturbance and trouble may be designated as the "chain letter begging scheme," very aptly characterized by a prominent member of this Grand Lodge as a gross fraud on its face. Without stopping to explain the scheme, I beg to call attention to the fact that soliciting aid by subordinate lodges, or members thereof, in their behalf, either within or without the state, is expressly prohibited, without the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master being first

obtained. Such consent has not been given or obtained during the year, but expressly withheld. Permission to send out such appeals to other jurisdictions is seldom, if ever, granted, and granted and allowed within our own jurisdiction only in cases of great necessity. The duty of Masons is to extend rather than to solicit alms.

LAYING CORNER STONES AND DEDICATION OF HALLS.

On May 3d last, I received an invitation from the officers of St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, to dedicate their new hall on the evening of the 29th of the same month. The invitation was accepted, but my other duties interfered, and being unable to attend, R.: W.: Brother Lawless was appointed my proxy. He accepted the appointment, and conducted the ceremonies with credit to himself and the fraternity. The occasion was a brilliant one from beginning to end, and all who were fortunate enough to be present had imprinted on their memory one of the bright and happy events of life.

A year ago the hall of Hope Lodge, No. 42, at Glencoe, was entirely destroyed by fire. To-day the brethren have a fine new hall, handsomely furnished and equipped. It was duly dedicated on the 27th of December last. At the dedication and installation of its new officers the brethren liberally and agreeably entertained their visitors.

R.: W.: Brother Lawless was also authorized to lay the corner stone of a new public school building at White Bear, which he did in due and ancient form. He reports that an immense throng attentively witnessed the ceremony, and listened to an excellent oration by Brother Forbes.

On July 13, 1895, an invitation to lay the corner stone of a new Episcopal church edifice at Wadena was received from Rev. R. R. MacVette, rector of said church, and accepted. Being unable to be present in person, Past Grand Master Barto kindly consented to act in my stead. The corner stone was laid in due form on July 19th. Brother Barto reports the day all that could be wished, and that the ceremony was performed by the brethren in a most admirable manner. The brethren, the members of the church, and the people generally were not only satisfied but highly pleased with the ceremonies. A banquet was served in the evening by the ladies of the church, which was very elaborate and very much enjoyed by all. Rev. Bro. A. W. Ryan of Duluth delivered an eloquent and appropriate address.

On August 16th, with the assistance of Brother Montgomery and others, I laid the corner stone of a magnificent new courthouse at St. James, in Watonwan county. The occasion was one of the pleasantest of the year. A large concourse of brethren joined in a perfect parade, led by an escort of Knights Templar, kindly furnished by order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the state. The

day was a perfect one, and the ceremonies passed off without mar or accident, in the presence of a vast throng of interested citizens. Bro. W. S. Hammond of St. James acted as Grand Orator, and I beg to extend to him the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his thoughtful, fitting, and eloquent oration.

In the matter of laying corner stones the year has been quite a busy one. In addition to those referred to, I authorized Bro. W. B. Patton to lay the corner stone of a new courthouse at Grand Rapids, and Bro. L. W. Gilbert to lay the cornerstone of a new masonic hall at Glencoe. It is unnecessary to say that both these brothers properly performed the ceremony, and with credit to the Grand Lodge.

While on this subject I take the liberty of suggesting that brethren arranging for ceremonies of this kind—at least, some of them—seem to forget or overlook the Grand Master until all plans are laid. They assume that he will not only accept the invitation, but be in readiness and prepared to respond as well at any time they may name. In one instance during the year arrangements had all been made, dates fixed, invitations sent out, and other preliminary matters attended to, and the Grand Master wholly forgotten until a very short time before the appointed day. When the invitation was declined because of other engagements which could not be laid aside, the brethren found themselves in a very awkward predicament and wired me: "Arrangements all made; invitations sent out, large attendance expected. Can't you get someone to take your place?" They might very properly have been left to suffer their discomforture because brought on by their own neglect. But rather than have an occasion of the kind fall flat, a second letter was written them accepting the invitation on condition that the services of Past Grand Master Barto could be obtained.

Brethren should not forget that the first thing to do in matters of this kind is to confer with the person who must determine whether the corner stone should be laid by the fraternity. It is the exclusive privilege of the Grand Master to determine that question. He has entire supervision of the proceedings, and not a step should be taken until he has been consulted.

MASONIC POLITICIANS.

This is a subject about which much has been said by members of this Grand Lodge during the past three or four years, and about which much more could be said and done with profit. Most Masons believe that it is unmasonic to ask for an office, or to decline one when elected to it. In a masonic lodge is the place where the brethren should seek the candidate, and not the candidate, or his supporters, the brethren. Official preferment here should be reserved for, and bestowed upon, those who show themselves best qualified and equipped to discharge the duties of the office; upon those who

have shown themselves most interested and devoted to Masonry and to the welfare of the Grand Lodge, and not upon those most skilled and qualified in manipulating elections. Electioneering for office in a masonic body is undignified and unmasonic. It is a menace to the prosperity of any organization or society like ours, and should be scorned and "frowned down" by all true members. When we hear of such a thing as a caucus being held in a room adjacent to this one, it is time for us to pause and inquire, Whence are we drifting? When, the moment the Grand Lodge is at refreshment, or even informally at rest, the work of electioneering for office begins, and is continued until order is called, it is very proper that we call to those thus engaged to begone with their solicitations and suggestions. It is believed that the Grand Lodge may be trusted to select competent and worthy brothers to fill the several offices, and that the services of those who appear much concerned that it may not do so are wholly unnecessary. I make this simple mention of the subject that the brethren may be warned before it is too late.

INNOVATIONS IN OUR WORK AND LECTURES.

Attempts are frequently made by some brethren to introduce changes and innovations in our work or lectures. One or two such attempts were made during the past year, but were checked in due time, and no particular harm resulted. In one instance the officers of one of the most prominent of our subordinate lodges were called to time with rather a short turn. The action was taken as a last resort and with extreme regret, but the circumstances warranted it. The officers referred to have since abandoned their new work. The claim of these invaders into our established work is, that it is necessary to make changes and additions to secure the attendance of the members at the lodge meetings; that the old work becomes uninteresting, and unless something new is introduced now and then the members lose interest and fail to attend.

The institution of Freemasonry comes to us from the remote past, whence all history is doubt and uncertainty. It has traveled down through the world of events, met and conquered enemies, and has grown to enormous proportions. There are in the United States alone in the neighborhood of 10,000 subordinate lodges with a total membership of over 800,000. Other societies have come and gone, and will continue to come and go, but the society of Freemasonry will live on and on. It has to-day a firmer and better standing and a more certain future than ever it had before. Why is it that it has lived so long and been so successful? It is not because its ceremonies are merely attractive and interesting. Its members are not constrained to remain with it solely because of the beautiful or attractive features of its work. It is because of its more substantial foundation, the principles taught and practiced

by it. It seeks not to please the eye or the ear by dramatic display, but by solemn instructions to teach the heart the true and the noble way of life. We have a work which cannot be changed or modified. When properly rendered it is instructive, and the lectures impress on the mind the true principles of the order. It needs no changes and cannot be improved, and any and all attempts to do so, in whatever form or respect, should not be tolerated, but condemned. We do quite well enough if we keep within the ancient landmarks and do our duty there. So soon as "new features" are permitted and allowed because of their attractiveness, or for any other reason, a strife will be on between different lodges in an effort not to be outdone in that respect, and the great principles of the order will be lost to view.

It is undoubtedly true that lodge meetings must be made attractive to secure a full attendance of members, and that the social features must not be lost or neglected, but some means must be devised to that end other than by the introduction of modifications and changes in the established work. The history and philosophy of the order furnish a broad field for the student, and may be studied with pleasure and profit at lodge meetings.

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS.

Some headway has been made by the Board of Custodians, though perhaps not as much as could be desired. Two members, Brothers Griswold and Raymond, have held the six schools of instruction provided for by the resolutions of last year. The other members, with duties to perform to themselves, have not found it convenient or proper to lay them aside, and as a consequence their respective districts have not been gone over. Judging from reports received from District Deputies, there is a general desire for the correct "Minnesota Work," not only among the officers of the subordinate lodges but among the members generally. Where schools of instruction have been held, much interest has been manifested and good resulted. The effort to attain uniformity in the work and lectures should be continued, either under the present system or something better, until every lodge in the state is possessed of the same as adopted in 1869. Last year an appropriation of \$1,000 was made, but only about \$400 have been used. R. W. E. P. Barnum, member of the board, whose term expired last year, was reappointed for the term of five years.

CONCLUSION.

In returning to you the gavel intrusted to my care and keeping two years ago, I beg to again thank you very sincerely for the great honor you conferred upon me. In the conduct of the affairs of the office my every aim has been for the good of the Grand Lodge and

the fraternity in general, and as I said to you a year ago, whatever errors may be laid at my door are errors of the head and not of the heart. If it shall be in my power at any time in the future, on the floor of the Grand Lodge or outside its walls, to render it or the fraternity of Freemasons any service, the same will be rendered with cheerfulness and zeal.

C. L. BROWN,
Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Address for subdivision and reference.

The Grand Secretary read his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my seventh annual report. Seven is a sacred number, and also signifies perfection. We will not claim that we have attained perfection, either in the preparation of our reports or in the performance of our official duties, but do claim, that, with the knowledge gained by experience, we are now better equipped than ever before to render prompt response to every demand for masonic information and to conduct the affairs of the office upon sound business principles. Masonry while ancient and conservative is also progressive. While we look with veneration on the institution and its time-honored principles, we are on the alert to discover the most approved modern methods of conducting its business, and in this our aim is perfection. There is much room yet for improvement. Time, patience, and perseverance, we are taught, will accomplish all things. This is true as applied to our Grand Lodge register, which was completed last May, much to our relief. Grand Lodge numbers were affixed to every name. During the progress of its preparation numberless errors were detected in the lodge registers,—not a single lodge escaping,—all of which have been corrected so far as relates to membership. I made an offer to the secretaries that I would, without charge, correct their lodge numbers, add Grand Lodge numbers, and make other corrections in their registers if they would send me the books. About one-third have done so, and all others should. I fear, however, that many are without registers. I can now tell at a glance the name of every member belonging to each of the lodges, and give his masonic history, and can also give the names and history of all former members. An index of these 30,000 names, authorized to be prepared a year ago, will soon be finished. In preparing this index the names in each lodge had to be copied and arranged in alphabetical order, with lodge numbers affixed, before

being entered in their proper place in the index. For this part of the work I had clerical assistance for several weeks, without which my progress would have been very slow, owing to an increasing correspondence, which to properly attend to consumes much time.

Besides the foregoing, the routine business of the office has been promptly attended to. Charters for the new lodges at Aitkin, Evansville, and Argyle were issued and placed in the hands of the constituting officer, each of whom made due report thereof. Commissions were issued and sent to the thirty-four District Deputies. A circular announcing the names of the Grand Officers and giving other information was issued soon after Grand Lodge closed. Eight circulars announcing suspensions and expulsions have been issued and sent to all the lodges; also, a circular notice of this meeting. Grand Representative commissions were exchanged with New Zealand in February, Bro. H. J. Peck of Shakopee receiving a commission to represent that far-away Grand Lodge, and Bro. Thomas Alex. Peterkin of Westport, N. Z., being appointed to represent ours.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of new lodges at Wood Lake, St. Paul, and Dassel, as stated in the Grand Master's address. These have been returned, with a report of the work done and their minute books for inspection. They each apply for a charter. A duplicate of the charter of Hope Lodge, No. 42, was issued and sent to replace the one destroyed by fire, as authorized last year.

The proceedings of 1895 were printed and given the usual distribution in February.

By request of the Grand Master, I accompanied the Deputy Grand Master to Stillwater May 29th, and to Glencoe December 27th, to assist at the dedication of the new masonic halls at those places; also, at his request assisted at the corner stone laying at White Bear July 10th, Wadena July 19th, and St. James August 13th. I could not make it convenient to attend at Grand Rapids. I also assisted at several installations, and had to decline other invitations to install officers, much to my regret.

FINANCIAL.

The receipts of the year have been as follows:

Dispensation and charter fees, lodges 213, 214, and 215.....	\$135.00
Dispensation fees, three new lodges.....	60.00
Jewels, etc., sold Capital City lodge, U. D.....	12.00
Arrears of dues from seven lodges, as in cash book.....	19.40
Grand Lodge fees and dues for 1895, as itemized in cash book	8,079.80
Total receipts	\$8,306.20

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. There were seventy-one orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, aggregating

\$9,699.03, including \$2,000 transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' fund. This was \$1,500 in excess of the receipts of 1894. There is, however, including the 1895 receipts, a comfortable balance of over \$11,000 on hand to meet the expenses of the current year, besides the handsome sum of over \$17,000 sacredly set aside for charitable purposes.

There is still due the Grand Lodge \$5.40 arrears of 1894 and previous years and \$45.80 for 1895, so far as face of returns show.

RETURNS.

Being out of blank returns I prepared a form for same with great care and had 2,000 printed. Secretaries were supplied early in December and instructed how to make them out. Returns have been received from each of the 200 chartered lodges except No. 183; also, from the three lodges U. D., all arriving on time except twenty-seven. Most of them were found correct, and many of them models of neatness and accuracy; but the usual errors were found in others. Nearly all the errors discovered have already been corrected by correspondence. I wish to note right here, that it is impossible to detect all errors, especially in membership, until the gains and losses are posted in the register. Many such errors were discovered last year that it was impossible for the committee to detect. The showing is excellent considering the hard times, the growth being nearly equal to any former year. The ratio of gains and losses differ little from last year.

A net gain is shown by 112 lodges; a net loss by 64, while 23 remain as before. The largest net gain is 68, in Palestine, No. 79, Duluth. The largest lodge is Minneapolis, No. 19, with 803 members. Seventeen lodges did no work. The present membership is 15,065, a net gain of 487.

The railroad rate of one and a third fare obtained last year was also secured this year, thus effecting a great saving to the Grand Lodge and unpaid brethren.

The foregoing, brethren, is a brief statement of my official duties for the past year, and I trust will meet with your approbation.

As Librarian, I have done little except to properly file the accumulating proceedings of other Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, and Grand Commanderies. All reading Masons have been freely supplied with our own proceedings, thus helping to disseminate masonic information among the brethren.

About twenty monthly and weekly masonic publications are regularly received, including the only masonic paper in our own state, the Masonic Record of St. Paul.

My official relations with the Grand Master and other Grand Officers have been of the most cordial character, and in my corre-

spondence with the officers of lodges and intercourse with all the brethren I have been accorded the most fraternal treatment and consideration, for all of which I hereby express my sincerest thanks. My thanks are also due the secretaries for their readiness to respond to every call, and promptness in sending in returns and dues.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

Referred to Finance Committee.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer read the following reports:

To the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.: F.: and A.: M.: :

I herewith submit my financial report for the past year:

J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge A.: F.: and A.: M.: of Minnesota:

RECEIPTS.

1895.

Jan. 16.	To cash on hand as per last report.....	\$4,690.35
Jan. 16.	To cash received of Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary	8,174.00
		\$12,864.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Order. No.		
1895.		Orders paid and surrendered herewith—	
Jan. 17.	1—E. P. Barnum, custodian		\$21.00
Jan. 17.	2—Chas. Griswold, custodian		21.00
Jan. 17.	3—Stiles Raymond, custodian.....		25.00
Jan. 17.	4—W. F. Dickinson, custodian.....		24.00
Jan. 17.	5—W. B. Patton, custodian.....		18.00
Jan. 17.	6—C. L. Brown, Grand Master, expenses for 1894		300.00
Jan. 17.	7—Irving Todd, Assistant Grand Secretary....		25.00
Jan. 17.	8—J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler and railroad fare.		29.10
Jan. 17.	9—Thos. Montgomery, contingent expenses, 1895		200.00
Jan. 17.	10—Thos. Montgomery, office rent, 1895.....		125.00
Jan. 17.	11—A. A. Whitney, expenses attending Grand Lodge		16.50
Jan. 17.	12—J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler, tiling for custo- dians		15.00
Jan. 17.	13—Irving Todd, report on correspondence.....		100.00
Jan. 17.	14—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, first month...		60.00

Date.	Order.		
1895.	No.		
Jan. 17.	15—	J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, pay roll, 1895	2,290.01
Jan. 17.	16—	J. H. Thompson, Treasurer Widows' and Or- phans' fund.....	2,000.00
Jan. 17.	17—	Clark Keysor, Worshipful Master Mankato, No. 12, relief of widow of E. Stower.....	100.00
Jan. 17.	18—	F. O. Gerrish, Worshipful Master Anoka, No. 30, relief of Bro. M. Roberts.....	100.00
Jan. 17.	19—	W. Jewell, Worshipful Master Mystic Tie, No. 37, relief of Bro. Chas. Parker....	100.00
Jan. 17.	20—	Chas. V. Corson, Worshipful Master Hope, No. 42, relief of Mrs. T. A. Turnbull.....	100.00
Jan. 17.	21—	F. M. Curtiss, Worshipful Master Harmony, No. 43, relief of widow of Bro. C. Haas and C. D. Jacobs (each \$100).....	200.00
Jan. 17.	22—	C. M. Skinner, Worshipful Master Nicollet, No. 54, relief of Bro. Geo. L. Key.....	100.00
Jan. 17.	23—	Nels H. Tofsted, Worshipful Master Mystic Star, No. 69, relief of Emily Hitchcock....	100.00
Jan. 17.	24—	L. Bliss, Worshipful Master Henderson, No. 80, relief of L. Oberst.....	100.00
Jan. 17.	25—	Wm. H. Shorey, Worshipful Master Sher- burne, No. 95, relief of Bro. J. Pollard....	100.00
Jan. 17.	26—	Geo. Sainsbury, Worshipful Master Pick- wick, No. 110, relief of widow of Bro. Dickson	100.00
Jan. 17.	27—	A. H. Ackerman, Worshipful Master Hum- boldt, No. 132, relief of Mary Martin.....	100.00
Jan. 17.	28—	A. D. Countryman, Worshipful Master Ap- pleton, No. 137, relief of Henrietta Lathrop	100.00
Jan. 17.	29—	Geo. Maroe, Worshipful Master Garnet, No. 166, relief of widows and children of F. Clewett and Jesse Tucker (each \$100)....	200.00
Feb. 18.	30—	Stiles Raymond, services as custodian....	13.64
Feb. 17.	31—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, second month	60.00
Mch. 1.	32—	Chas. Griswold, custodian.....	30.00
Mch. 1.	33—	Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, salary, January and February, 1895.....	208.33
Mch. 2.	34—	Pioneer Press Co., printing bills.....	433.96
Mch. 2.	35—	Rich & Clymer, printing bills.....	10.00
Mch. 2.	36—	F. Gutekunst Co., pictures, C. L. Brown...	42.00
Mch. 7.	37—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, third month.	60.00
Mch. 23.	38—	Chas. Griswold, custodian.....	22.70
Mch. 27.	39—	W. F. Dickinson, custodian.....	13.35
April 17.	40—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, fourth month	60.00

Date. 1895.	Order. No.		
May 3.	41—	L. D. Bryant, insurance.....	65.25
May 16.	42—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, fifth month.	60.00
May 20.	43—	Chas. Griswold, custodian.....	17.74
May 31.	44—	Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, three months' salary to date.....	312.50
June 17.	45—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, sixth month..	60.00
June 17.	46—	W. F. Dickinson, expense to Wood Lake....	9.38
July 17.	47—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, seventh month	60.00
July 12.	48—	Hope, No. 42, dues remitted.....	41.40
July 12.	49—	Eureka, No. 75, Le Roy, dues remitted.....	24.00
July 12.	50—	Excelsior, No. 113, dues remitted.....	16.20
July 20.	51—	Chas. Griswold, custodian.....	17.90
July 20.	52—	Rich & Clymer, printing bills.....	6.00
Aug. 5.	53—	Thos. Montgomery, index to Grand Lodge Register	50.00
Aug. 5.	54—	Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, June and July salary.....	208.33
Aug. 17.	55—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, eighth month	60.00
Sept. 7.	56—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	18.00
Sept. 17.	57—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, ninth month.	60.00
Sept. 30.	58—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	22.30
Oct. 1.	59—	Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, August and September salary.....	208.34
Oct. 12.	60—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	17.50
Oct. 12.	61—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, tenth month..	60.00
Oct. 26.	62—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	18.50
Nov. 2.	63—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	20.00
Nov. 9.	64—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	18.75
Nov. 9.	65—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance, eleventh month	60.00
Nov. 16.	66—	Chas. Griswold, custodian.....	18.60
Nov. 25.	67—	Stiles Raymond, custodian.....	38.25
Dec. 11.	68—	Rich & Clymer, printing notices.....	5.50
Dec. 11.	69—	Mrs. E. C. Pierson, allowance to Jan. 16, 1896	60.00
Dec. 31.	70—	Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, salary October, November, and December.....	312.50
Dec. 31.	71—	Pioneer Press Co., balance printing.....	28.50

Total orders paid..... \$9,699.03

Cash on hand to balance..... 3,165.32

Total..... \$12,864.35

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON

Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

ANNUAL REPORT OF J. H. THOMPSON, TREASURER OF THE
WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1895.

Jan. 16.	To cash on hand, as per last report.....	\$2,039.10
Jan. 16.	To City of Minneapolis bonds.....	13,000.00
Jan. 17.	To Grand Lodge, Order No. 16, transferred...	2,000.00
April 1.	To six months' interest on \$13,000 city bonds, four per cent.....	260.00
Oct. 1.	To six months' interest on \$13,000 city bonds, four per cent.....	260.00

1896.

Jan. 15.	To interest on \$3,000, four per cent.....	120.00
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Total	\$17,679.10
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1896.

Jan. 15.	By City of Minneapolis bonds.....	\$13,000.00
Jan. 15.	By cash in hands of Treasurer.....	4,679.10

Total.....	\$17,679.10
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Faternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion of Bro. L. A. Rosing (34), the Committee on Appropriations were instructed to submit their report at 3 p. m. to-morrow.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. E. J. McMahon (112), was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to index the constitution, regulations, and proceedings of the Grand Lodge up to and including the present session, and report their work to the Grand Master for his approval at as early a date as possible, that the same may be printed and distributed to the lodges and Grand Officers.

E. J. McMahon (112), Edgar Nash (112), and Irving Todd (7) were appointed such committee.

On motion of A. Barto, the election of officers was made the special order for to-morrow, at 2 p. m.

On motion, Bro. D. W. Knowlton (112), who had served during the week as one of the Custodians of the Work in place of Bro. Wm. B. Patton, was allowed the usual per diem for said time.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, which was ordered printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

APPEALS.

Two petitions for reinstatement from suspension and expulsion, lately filed with the Grand Secretary, were referred without reading to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

PETITIONS FOR RELIEF.

Applications for relief were made on behalf of eleven needy brethren and the widows and children of seven deceased brethren by Lodges Nos. 35, 39, 42, 50, 54, 69, 86, 89, 95, 104, 119, 128, 132, 161, 179, and 189, aggregating \$1,700, for remission of dues on account of fire by Lodges Nos. 162 and 196, and for a refunding of overpaid dues by No. 89; all of which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORT ON ADDRESS.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master for subdivision and reference respectfully recommend that the same be referred to committees as follows:

1. So much as relates to deceased brethren to a special committee of three.
2. So much as relates to dispensations for new lodges to the Committee on Lodges U.: D.:
3. So much as relates to special dispensations, decisions, by-laws approved, masonic relief, and jurisdiction over candidates, and so much as relates to Northern Light Lodge, No. 68, consolidation of lodges, and masonic begging to Committee on Jurisprudence.
4. So much as relates to Pelican Rapids Lodge, No. 183, to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

5. So much as relates to loss of property by fire to Geneva Lodge, No. 196, Prescott Lodge, No. 162, and the issue of charters without fee, to Committee on Appropriation.

6. So much as relates to message of greeting from Grand Lodge of Manitoba to a special committee of five.

7. So much as relates to corner stones laid and dedication of halls to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

8. So much as relates to innovations in our work and lectures, and the board of custodians, to a special committee of three.

9. So much as relates to masonic politicians to a special committee of three.

10. The residue of the address to a special committee of three. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. CROSSFIELD,
J. C. MUNRO,
F. S. BROWN,
Committee.

The Grand Master appointed the following special committees, as provided for in the last report:

1. C. W. Nash, F. H. Peterson, Isaac Lincoln.
6. Geo. H. Davis, L. A. Rosing, Thos. H. Warren, Chas. Griswold, Geo. W. Rockwell.
8. B. F. Farmer, H. R. Denny, A. Barto.
9. Samuel E. Adams, J. A. Kiester, J. G. Wheeler.
10. B. F. Thurber, W. H. Hall, H. R. Adams.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's books, and they appear to be correct in every respect.

We find the finances to be as follows:

Amount on hand at opening of Grand Lodge, 1895.....	\$4,690.35
Received by Grand Treasurer during that session.....	8,174.00
Received by Grand Treasurer Jan. 15, 1896.....	8,306.20
Total	\$21,170.55

There have been issued seventy-one orders during the year for the following purposes:

Grand Master's expenses.....	\$300.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,250.00
Grand Secretary's assistant.....	25.00
Grand Tyler.....	29.10
Grand Tyler, tying for Board of Custodians..	15.00
Grand Secretary, contingent fund.....	200.00
Grand Secretary, office rent.....	125.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
District Deputy, special.....	16.50
Printing	525.96
Insurance	65.25
Dues returned to lodges.....	81.60
Index for Grand Lodge Register.....	50.00
Board of Custodians.....	405.61
Pay-roll, 1895.....	2,290.01
Mrs. Pierson.....	720.00
Relief	1,500.00
Widows' and Orphans' fund.....	2,000.00
	\$9,699.03

Amount now in hands of Grand Treasurer..... \$11,471.52

If we appropriate and expend the same amount this year as last, we will have left a balance of only \$1,772.49, as against \$5,883.47 two years ago. You will see that the expenditures have exceeded the receipts by \$1,302.83 during the past year, and \$1,193.12 the year before, hence we must insist on a prudent and careful examination of each and every appropriation.

We have \$17,679.10 in the Widows' and Orphans' fund.

The masonic order claims to be pre-eminently a charitable society, looking out for the needs of its worthy members, their widows and orphans; and while we heartily indorse the resolution heretofore passed, to leave that fund sacred, we suggest that masonic charity, to be of real benefit, must be immediate and to the amount actually necessary.

We believe that it is our duty to take care of our deserving needy and let our successors take care of theirs.

If we have fortunate years, with small requirements, then if we have a surplus over and above a necessary cash balance, it can be transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' fund.

We do not advocate a too liberal course, engendering the idea that all a lodge has to do is to ask for any amount of money and get it. But when a lodge shows an honest aid, already paid, to the limit of their resources, then let them come to us, and ask a prudent sum

to help make our brothers, their widows and orphans, as comfortable as the conditions demand. In this way we believe we will carry out the true principles of masonic charity.

By reference to proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1886, page 48, it will be seen that the masters of lodges intrusted with funds to be disbursed for relief are directed to make a report in writing and accompanied by vouchers showing the disposition made of said funds.

This regulation has been wholly ignored by nine out of the thirteen lodges to whom relief was appropriated last year, and we request that this Grand Body sees that its requirements on this subject be obeyed.

The Grand Lodge register is written up to date and the index book over half completed. When finished, it will make the register valuable and easily consulted.

L. Z. ROGERS,
CHAS. D. BOYCE,
J. M. D. CRAFT,
IRVING TODD,
W. F. DICKINSON,
Finance Committee.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Geo. H. Davis, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge views with disapprobation the growing evil of giving publicity to the transactions of masonic bodies and the business of the fraternity through the medium of the public press, and condemns the same as absolutely unmasonic.

A resolution offered by Bro. Wm. H. Hall, relating to conferring degrees, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 15, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 p. m. The degree of Master Mason was conferred by the Custodians upon Bro. ——— Horton, a candidate from Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, the lectures being given in full.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

ST. PAUL, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m., officers and members as before. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ORATION.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Rev. Robert Forbes, delivered the annual oration. On motion of Bro. E. P. Barnum, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered the Grand Orator for his able, instructive, and eloquent address, and he was requested to furnish the same to the Grand Secretary for publication. (See Appendix.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D. D.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. D. submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. D. report that we have examined the minutes of Florence Lodge U. D. D. at Wood Lake, Capital City Lodge U. D. D. at St. Paul, and Griswold Lodge U. D. D. at Dassel, and recommend that charters be granted to said lodges. Your committee also recommend that rules for keeping the minutes and form for same be formulated by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and that a copy thereof be sent out with each dispensation granted for a new lodge, and that lodges be required to conform thereto.

R. H. GOVE,
ALBERT MARDEN,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
CHAS. L. WEST,
W. G. TEN BROOK,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

The Committee on Returns of Lodges submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges respectfully report that we have carefully examined the returns of 202 lodges, an abstract of which, prepared by the Grand Secretary, we submit here-

with, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to charge the several lodges with the amounts herein reported as their fees and dues for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895.

The returns show the following:

Membership Jan. 1, 1895.....	14,578
Initiated	923
Passed	881
Raised	867
Joined	328
Restored	50
Total increase	1,245
Withdrawn	398
Stricken from roll	178
Suspended and expelled	16
Died	166
Total decrease	758
Net gain	487

Membership Jan. 1, 1896.....	15,063
Total fees and dues due Grand Lodge.....	\$8,125.60
Total fees and dues received.....	8,079.80

Lodges are required to report their assets and liabilities, and the amount of dues delinquent. Most of them have done so, and we compile the following, which will undoubtedly be a surprise to the Grand Lodge, as it was to your committee:

Delinquent dues	\$35,547
Other assets	245,176
Liabilities	34,783

The following errors appear:

Washington, No. 38, owes \$3.20. Omits lodge numbers.

King Solomon, No. 44, omits lodge numbers.

Union, No. 45, omits seal.

Ashler, No. 61, omits lodge numbers.

Lansing, No. 72, gives no report of assets and liabilities.

Fraternal, No. 92, omits lodge numbers.

Aurora, No. 100, omits lodge numbers of those raised.

Khurum, No. 112, owes \$1.20.

Excelsior, No. 113, omits lodge numbers.

Brownston, No. 149, omits lodge numbers.

Pierson, No. 169, reports three withdrawn; omits names and dates.

Traverse, No. 189, gives lodge number to fellow crafts.

Triune, No. 190, owes forty cents.

Amboy, No. 193, omits lodge numbers.

Vermillion, No. 197, owes \$40.60.

Kenyon, No. 201, omits lodge numbers.

Stewartville, No. 203, reports two joined; omits dates.

Crescent, No. 207, owes forty cents.

Little Falls, No. 140, reports three stricken from roll, and discloses a peculiar state of facts. These three (from a footnote) joined in 1894, but never filed their dimitts, and in the case of one of them, we find that he was stricken from the roll of Agate Lodge, No. 167, in December, 1893, and never restored. Little Falls also reports that one of the brethren who joined in 1895 did not file his dimit until some time after he was elected to membership. We desire to call attention to the fact that no petition for affiliation should be received unless the dimit or other satisfactory evidence of dismission accompanies it.

The returns of twenty-seven lodges were not received until after the 4th instant, though they have come in since with excuses which appear satisfactory, and we recommend that the representatives of these lodges be allowed their mileage and per diem without this being considered as a precedent.

Many of the errors appearing in the returns are slight, and could have been corrected had the Worshipful Master examined the report carefully before certifying to it. From the numbering in several reports it would seem that the lodge register and convenience book are not carefully kept. The convenience book is for the purpose of recording current degree work, to be transferred to the register only after the brother is raised or elected to membership. We desire to acknowledge generous assistance from Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, in tabulating returns.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. COUNTRYMAN,

O. C. HANSON,

L. R. BARTO,

Committee.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis from the special committee on fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba read the following report which was adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to forward a copy to that Grand Lodge:

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address which relates to fraternal greeting from the Grand

Lodge of Manitoba report, that the kindly expressions of love and unity received from the brethren of another and in one sense a foreign jurisdiction have touched a responsive chord in the heart of every Minnesota Mason. We desire to assure our brethren of Manitoba that neither wars nor rumors of wars can break the chains that bind us in a common brotherhood, but that amid the exigencies and changes of time we are indissolubly united with them in the grand work of endeavoring to elevate and ennoble mankind by the dissemination of the divine principles of true fraternity. Alike in peace and war we are brethren.

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
L. A. ROSING,
THOS. H. WARREN,
G. W. ROCKWELL,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1896.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 p. m., officers and members as before, Bro. A. Barto in the Grand East as Grand Master until after the election of officers.

The Committee on Fraternal Greetings, through their chairman, Bro. Geo. H. Davis, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the M. W. the United Grand Lodge of England:

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Minnesota in annual communication assembled, and representing over 15,000 members of our common fraternity, extends fraternal greeting to the M. W. the United Grand Lodge of England, and the assurance of their earnest desire that the spirit of unity and fraternity which now prevails between them and the great nations of which they are citizens may never be severed, and the confidence that all difficulties of whatever nature arising between the two nations will be adjusted in such manner as shall

comport with the dignity and honor of both nations, and be in harmony with that spirit of humanity which characterizes the civilization of the world to-day.

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
THOS. H. WARREN,
L. A. ROSING,
G. W. ROCKWELL,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, Bros. H. C. Shepard, D. M. Baldwin, O. L. Dornberg, and Hayden French were appointed tellers and ballots ordered, resulting in the election of the following brethren:

James F. Lawless (3), St. Paul.....M.: W.: Grand Master
Alonzo T. Stebbins (21), Rochester...R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master
Alonzo Brandenburg (99), Fergus Falls, R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden
John H. Randall (4), Minneapolis...R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden
Joseph H. Thompson (19), Minneapolis....R.: W.: Grand Treasurer
Thomas Montgomery (54), St. Paul.....R.: W.: Grand Secretary

When the election of Brother Lawless as Grand Master was announced, the Past Grand Masters present were directed to retire and escort the Grand Master-elect within the hall. This being done, he was presented by Brother Dickinson to the Grand Master, conducted to the Grand East, and formally presented to the Grand Lodge, making his acknowledgments to the brethren for the high honor conferred in well chosen words.

During the progress of the election, while ballots were being counted, several reports were made and other business transacted as follows:

The following resolution, offered by Bro. E. J. McMahon, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase 300 copies of "Todd's Digest," latest edition, for distribution among the subordinate lodges and Grand Officers of this jurisdiction, so soon as the same is reindexed and approved by the Grand Master, and that the sum of \$270 be appropriated for this purpose.

REPORT ON CUSTODIANS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Masons of Minnesota:

Your committee appointed to consider the work of the Board of Custodians beg leave to make the following report:

We believe that a correct education of Ancient Craft Masonry tends most effectually to the advancement of Masons to a higher and grander life, not only in the lodgeroom and the home but in all classes of society; therefore, we do most heartily indorse the work of the Custodians during the past two years, and recommend that they be continued in their work of masonic education.

We further recommend that \$1,000 be appropriated for the per diem and expenses of Custodians during the year 1896.

B. F. FARMER,
H. R. DENNY,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MASONIC POLITICIANS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your special committee to whom was referred so much of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address as relates to "masonic politicians" beg leave to report, that the subject has had most careful consideration, and the sentiment therein contained meets our most cordial indorsement. The contemptible methods and practices of the ordinary politician ought to be forever banished from the assemblages and thoughts of the masonic brotherhood. None but the true, tried, pure, and most worthy should be made the standard bearers of the craft.

We believe the words of the M.: W.: Grand Master are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver," and ought to be rigidly adhered to by Masons everywhere.

Fraternally submitted,
SAM E. ADAMS,
J. A. KIESTER,
J. G. WHEELER,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

(1)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred that portion of the M.: W.: Grand Master's address in the

matter of his order to the R.: W.: Grand Secretary to issue summons to Pelican Rapids Lodge, No. 183, to show cause at this session of the Grand Lodge "why its charter should not be declared forfeited and reclaimed," beg leave to report, that we have examined said case, and find that said order to show cause was duly served. There was no appearance before your committee on the part of said lodge. We further find that said lodge has not reported to this Grand Lodge for the past three years, and has not held a meeting for the past two years. We therefore recommend that the charter of said lodge be declared forfeited, and that the R.: W.: Grand Secretary be instructed to take possession of the same and all the property and records of said lodge.

W. H. TOWNSEND,
W. C. ODELL,
C. W. GILMORE,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
J. D. MARKHAM,
Committee.

Adopted.

(2)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. E. Hamilton of New York, formerly a member of Khurum Lodge, No. 112, and who had been expelled from same in 1886, for restoration to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, beg leave to report, that upon due examination of the papers and evidence adduced before your committee, of the complete reformation and satisfactory conduct of the petitioner for a number of years last past, and that he is now living a blameless life, we therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

W. H. TOWNSEND,
C. W. GILMORE,
J. D. MARKHAM,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

(3)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the application of Bro. Geo. H. Marvin to be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and also his appeal from

the action of Sincerity Lodge, No. 161, of Villard, indefinitely suspending him from said lodge, respectfully report, that they have examined the papers in said case, and find, that, on the 19th of February, 1895, charges of unmasonic conduct were preferred against Brother Marvin by the Junior Warden of said lodge; that no notice of said charges or of the time or place of investigation was ever served on Brother Marvin, either personally or by mail; that service by mail of said notice could have been had by the exercise of reasonable diligence; that a pretended investigation and trial of said charges was had in open lodge on the second day of April, 1895, and a sentence of indefinite suspension then and there pronounced; that Brother Marvin had no knowledge of said investigation, trial, or sentence until the thirtieth day of December, 1895.

We further find that no masonic offense was charged against the brother, touching which evidence was introduced upon the trial, as shown by the return on appeal, and as to the offense charged, to sustain which evidence was introduced, as shown by the return, your committee is of the opinion that the specifications of such charges do not constitute a masonic offense or one which the good of masonry requires cognizance to be taken of by subordinate lodges.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the action of said lodge in said case be in all things reversed and set aside; that the charges preferred be dismissed for insufficiency in the specifications thereof, and that Sincerity Lodge, if it deems such action advisable, order its Junior Warden to prefer charges against the brother, to contain specific allegations of the acts constituting the offense charged, and that the lodge proceed to the investigation, trial, and adjudication upon such charges in all respects as though no action had theretofore been taken by said lodge touching charges against said brother.

W. H. TOWNSEND,
C. W. GILMORE,
J. D. MARKHAM,
W. C. ODELL,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

The following resolution, offered by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, was adopted:

Resolved, That, when a petition for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry shall be presented to this Grand Lodge by one who has been indefinitely suspended or expelled, the applicant for restoration shall, at least sixty days prior to the session of the

Grand Lodge at which such petition shall be acted upon, serve upon the subordinate lodge by which he was suspended or expelled a notice in writing that such petition for restoration will be so presented, and shall cause proof of the service of such notice to be filed with the Grand Secretary on or prior to the first day of the session at which such petition is heard, and that said subordinate lodge shall, on or before the first day of such session, return to this Grand Lodge all papers pertaining to and a copy of the record of the proceedings of said subordinate lodge upon such suspension or expulsion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the laying of corner stones and dedication of halls, respectfully report, that the work was done in accordance with the established usages and customs of the fraternity.

The ceremonies in connection with the laying of corner stones of masonic and important public structures are ancient, beautiful, dignified, impressive, and peculiarly significant. It is a matter for congratulation the great interest continued to be manifested by the craft the world o'er in these ceremonies, and proves that the symbolic meaning of the operative implements and the elements of consecration used known to the brethren of the mystic art has been preserved, perpetuated, and is still held in cherished memory.

Every structure erected for or by the craft speaks to future generations of the enlightenment, energy, ability, and progress of our people.

The setting apart of halls for masonic purposes, and those alone, speaks well for the prosperity of our brethren and their devotion to the tenets of Masonry. May we continue to evidence our attachment to the craft by providing suitable homes. Let Masonry and progress be synonymous terms.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. NASH,
E. W. DURANT,
SAM. E. ADAMS,
E. P. BARNUM,
T. J. LOMBARD,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to deceased brethren report that they heartily concur in the sentiments of our Grand Master so aptly and beautifully referred to in his address.

Death has gone abroad among the craft during the past year and laid his cold hand upon many of the ablest and best of our workmen. In our sister jurisdictions many Grand Lodge officers and brethren, widely known for their prominence in masonic work, have fallen before him. In our own jurisdiction our work has fortunately been light. But one representative of our Grand Lodge has been taken. Bro. Frank Mantor, Past Senior Grand Warden of this lodge, has departed, full of years and honors.

The day succeeding the close of this grand body in 1895 the summons came for his translation to the supreme lodge above.

Brother Mantor was prominently identified with the early history and settlement of Dodge county, and gave his name to the City of Mantorville and the lodge at that place.

One by one our brethren fall by the way. Every year as we assemble at Grand Lodge we miss familiar faces, and inquiry reveals that they will never more be seen in this life. It is a source of consolation to those of us who have been called upon specially to mourn, and a matter of congratulation and great thankfulness to us all, that our noble art teaches us so well the relation of death to life; that it has implanted in the bosom of every votary the simple but sublime faith in One who is able to raise up to newness of life even him that is dead. How precious the faith possible to every brother as the great change comes before him—"wrapping the drapery of his couch about him, and lying down to peaceful rest;" "wearing the white rose of a blameless life;" calm in the assurance of a blessed immortality.

We recommend that appropriate pages in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be dedicated to the sacred and revered memory, both of those Grand Officers of other jurisdictions as well as our own beloved brethren who have left behind them the mists and darkness of this world, and have gone forward and upward to the ineffable light of that which is beyond the river of death.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. NASH,

F. H. PETERSON,

ISAAC LINCOLN,

Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appropriations recommend that the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund of this Grand Lodge for the purposes stated, to-wit:

Expenses of Grand Master Brown, 1895.....	\$300.00
Salary of Grand Secretary, 1896.....	1,250.00
Chairman Committee on Correspondence.....	100.00
Services Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. I. Todd.....	50.00
Services Grand Tyler, Bro. J. C. Fischer.....	25.00
Contingent expenses Grand Secretary, 1896.....	200.00
Office rent, Grand Secretary.....	125.00
Insurance of Grand Lodge property.....	65.25
Printing proceedings and other printing.....	500.00
Pay roll, 1896	2,400.00
Board of Custodians, 1896.....	1,000.00
1895 dues remitted to Prescott Lodge, No. 162.....	14.00
1895 dues remitted to Geneva Lodge, No. 196.....	19.00
Relief of Mrs. E. C. Pierson.....	720.00
Lodge No. 35, relief of Bro. Wm. Lee.....	200.00
Lodge No. 39, relief of Bro. E. Ward.....	50.00
Lodge No. 42, relief of Mrs. T. A. Turnbull.....	50.00
Lodge No. 54, relief of Bro. George L. Key.....	100.00
Lodge No. 69, relief of Emily Hitchcock.....	100.00
Lodge No. 86, relief of Bro. G. W. Judd.....	100.00
Lodge No. 89, relief of Bro. Geo. Mitchell.....	100.00
Lodge No. 89, relief of Bro. Jas. H. McKenney.....	100.00
Lodge No. 95, relief of Bro. John Pollard.....	50.00
Lodge No. 104, relief of widow of P. A. Odell.....	100.00
Lodge No. 119, relief of widow of Arne L. Rye.....	100.00
Lodge No. 128, relief of Bro. J. B. Hill.....	100.00
Lodge No. 132, relief of Mary Martin.....	50.00
Lodge No. 161, relief of H. Butler and L. D. Webster.....	100.00
Lodge No. 179, relief of Bro. A. Higley.....	200.00
Lodge No. 189, relief of destitute brother.....	100.00
J. H. Thompson, relief of Bro. M. C. Burnside.....	100.00
Grand Secretary, for purchase of "Todd's Digest".....	270.00

We also recommend that duplicate charters be issued to Prescott Lodge, No. 162, and Geneva Lodge, No. 196, without fee.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
W. B. PATTON,
Committee.

It was moved by Bro. L. A. Rosing (34), and seconded, that the appropriation for Mrs. Pierson be reduced to \$360. A general discussion followed, participated in by Brothers Rosing (34), Shook (213), Wells, Durant, McMahon (112), Carroll (118), Boynton, Lawless, Barnum, and others. The Grand Secretary was directed to inform the Grand Lodge the amounts paid her by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. The roll of lodges and Grand Officers was called for, and resulted in the rejection of the amendment by an overwhelming vote, all the Grand Officers and permanent members (24) voting no, the total vote being, aye, 49; no, 429.

The report of the committee as read was then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted six separate reports, as follows:

(1)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to decisions and dispensations, respectfully report, that they have duly considered the same and find such decisions and dispensations are in conformity with masonic law and usage, and recommend that they be confirmed.

We especially desire to emphasize the inference and expression of the Grand Master in Decision No. 4, that the power of waiver of jurisdiction by subordinate lodges must be limited to persons and not to territory.

H. R. WELLS,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
J. A. KIESTER,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
Committee.

Adopted.

(2)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the transfer of the records, pa-

pers, and property of old Northern Light Lodge, No. 68, at Fort Garry, to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, report, that, having considered the same, they recommend that such transfer be authorized and approved.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
J. A. KIESTER,
H. R. DENNY,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
Committee.

Adopted.

(3)

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the refusal to approve a proposed by-law of a subordinate lodge, authorizing the arbitrary offset of unpaid dues against a claim due from the lodge to the brother in arrears, fraternally report that they have considered the same, and recommend that such refusal be confirmed.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
J. A. KIESTER,
H. R. DENNY,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
Committee.

Adopted.

(4)

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the consolidation of subordinate lodges, report, that, having considered the same, they deem it inadvisable to adopt definite rules of procedure to govern in such cases, but rather that it should be left to the wise discretion of the Grand Master, to be exercised under the circumstances in each case, subject to the law relating to the surrender of charters.

H. R. WELLS,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KIESTER,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
Committee.

Adopted.

(5)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the following resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Hall (54), having considered the same, recommend the adoption thereof as a regulation governing the work of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, to-wit:

Resolved, That no lodge in this jurisdiction shall have power to initiate more than five candidates nor to confer the second or third degree upon more than five brethren at the same communication, nor to hold more than one communication on the same day for the purpose of conferring degrees, except by dispensation from the Grand Master.

H. R. WELLS,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
J. A. KESTER,
Committee.

Adopted.

(6)

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master as relates to masonic begging, fraternally report, that they have considered the same, and can only emphasize the characterization of the Grand Master in denouncing, not only as unmasonic but disreputable, the attempts made during the past year to levy tribute, in direct violation of the regulations and edicts of this Grand Lodge. The only excuse which can be given for this conduct is ignorance of the fundamental principles and rules governing the administration of masonic charity. Such excuse is no less reprehensible than the acts themselves.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
ALPHONSO BARTO,
J. A. KESTER,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the residue of the Grand Master's address respectfully report, that, after careful considera-

tion of the same, we find that the several topics were so fully assigned by the Committee on Subdivision and Reference that we are unable to find any matter that requires the attention of this committee.

BENJ. F. THURBER,
W. H. HALL,
H. R. ADAMS,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they know of no business but what is being zealously and faithfully attended to by the proper committees.

CLARK KEYSOR,
I. P. DURFEE,
Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, chairman of the Committee on Pay Roll, made verbal report, that the pay roll was ready, and asked for and received permission as Grand Treasurer to pay the members entitled thereto their per diem and mileage, the full written report to be filed with the Grand Secretary when completed. (See Appendix for report.)

PRESENTATION OF APRON.

A beautiful embroidered lambskin apron, the gift of the Grand Officers and other friends, was presented to the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. L. D. Boynton, through Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Davis, Past Deputy Grand Master. Brother Boynton was wholly taken by surprise, but was equal to the occasion, and accepted this token of the high regard and esteem of his friends in appropriate terms.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master-elect announced the following as the appointed officers:

Bro. L. R. Barto (60), Sauk Center, Grand Orator.
Bro. L. D. Boynton (21), Rochester, Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Thos. H. Warren (1), Stillwater, Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro. M. McFadden (100), Brainerd, Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Thos. Morris (141), Crookston, Grand Marshal.
Bro. J. Q. McIntosh (118), Newport, Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro. S. Swenson (77), Waseca, Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. H. R. Adams (19), Minneapolis, Senior Grand Steward.
Bro. B. F. Thurber (101), Worthington, Junior Grand Steward.
Bro. C. E. Macomber (138), Atwater, Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. J. C. Fischer (3), St. Paul, Grand Tyler.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were severally presented by Bro. Joseph A. Eckstein, acting as Grand Marshal, and were duly installed into their respective offices by M. W. Bro. E. W. Durant, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

FINANCE.

L. Z. Rogers, W. E. Covey, C. W. Gilmore, J. M. D. Craft, John S. Nelson.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

A. D. Countryman, R. C. Hine, O. C. Hansen.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Irving Todd, E. P. Barnum, Thos. Montgomery.

Bro. Stiles Raymond was reappointed a member of the Board of Custodians for the term of five years.

THANKS.

On motion of Bro. H. R. Wells, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the Masonic Union of St. Paul for the free use of their beautiful hall and adjoining apartments, and to all the railroads traversing the state for reduced fare.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed, at 6:30 p. m., in AMPLE FORM, the Grand Chaplain leading in the devotions.



JAMES F. LAWLESS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

Note.—The day after the Grand Lodge closed the Grand Secretary received the following telegram:

Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 17, 1896.

To Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, A. F. F. and A. M., St. Paul, Minn.:

One hundred Scottish Rite Masons of South and North Dakota, assembled in the banquet hall of South Dakota Consistory, No. 4, at Aberdeen, extend fraternal love to the Grand Lodge and brethren of Minnesota.

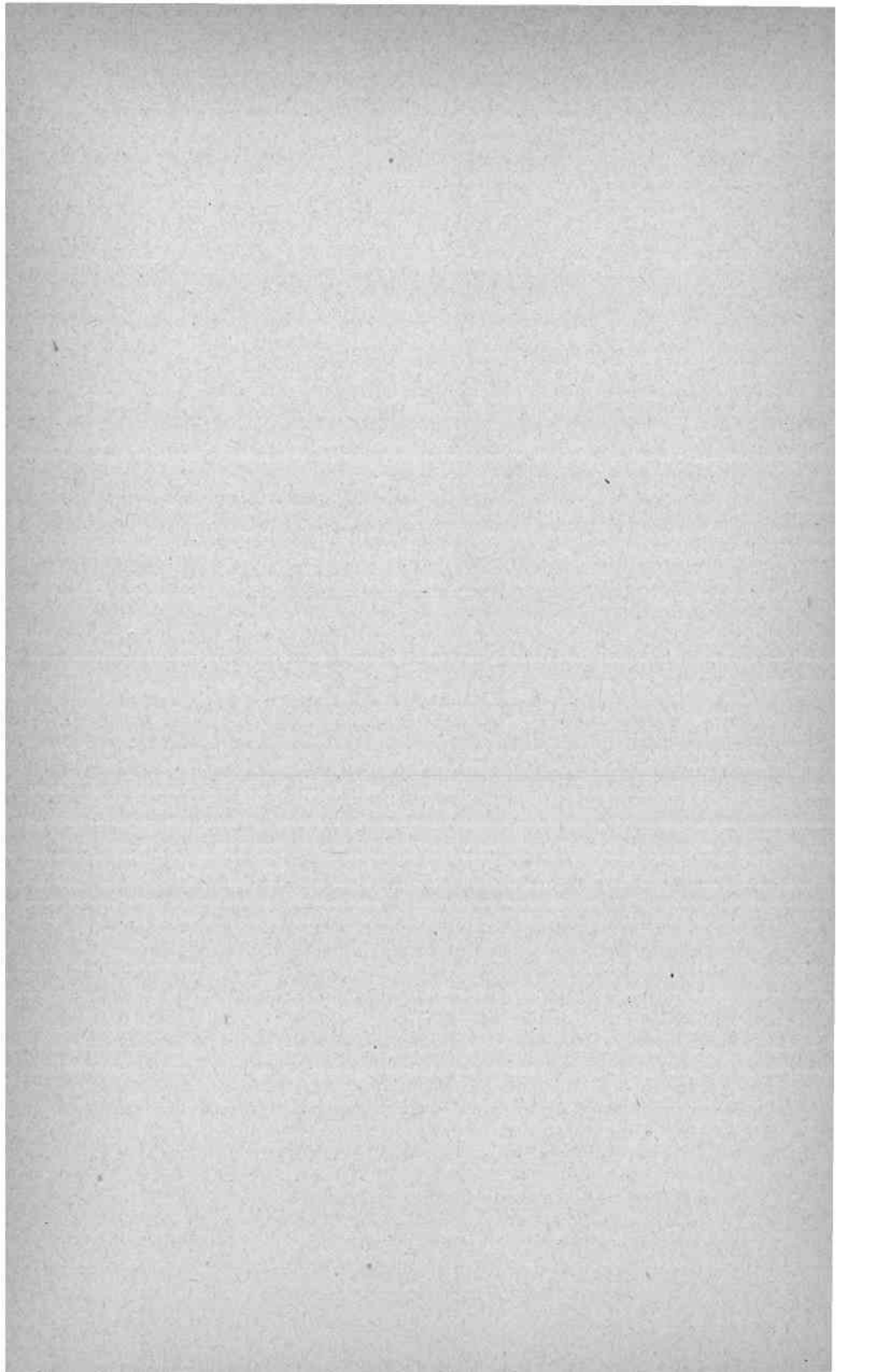
WILLIAM C. ALLEN,
Past Grand Master South Dakota.

ALBERT B. HERRICK,
Past Grand Master North Dakota.

Feeling certain that, had the above telegram been received before the Grand Lodge closed, a suitable response would have been ordered sent, the Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and with the approval of the Grand Master, publishes the above, and expresses herewith our appreciation of the sentiment of fraternal love expressed towards our Grand Lodge and brethren of Minnesota, and reciprocate the same most heartily. May nothing ever arise to disturb the harmony and fraternal feeling that now exists between the Masons of Minnesota and the two Dakotas.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



ORATION.

THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY.

BY BRO. REV. ROBERT FORBES, G. ORATOR.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

We meet to-day in our Grand Annual Communication, called to work sublime and holy, saddened because of the absence of those who have gone down into that "low, green tent whose curtain never outward swings." We bless their names and cherish their memories and wait for a glorious reunion in "the sweet by-and-by." And while saddened by the absence of those honored men whom we meet no more on earth, we are inspired by the friendly grasp of the hands of beloved brethren who yet share with us the glorious work to which Masons are called. We are cheered by the presence of young and vigorous men, who are being prepared to catch up the banner when it falls from our trembling hands and bear it on over other fields of triumph. May the blessing of our God rest upon the old, who are going down the Western slope of life, and upon the men in the thick of the fight, and upon the young men, full of hope and ambition. May the young be steadied and helped by the wisdom of age, and age at the same time be cheered by the enthusiasm of youth. May we and our successors labor on until the glorious day shall reach its meridian splendor, and "the battle flags shall all be furled in the parliament of man—the federation of the world." The day when the great words in life's dictionary, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, shall find their true definition in the actual lives of redeemed and saved humanity.

Masonry is in substantial accord with everything in man's legitimate career, and is not, strictly speaking, a secret society, but a benevolent society. Our ancient and honorable order is in full partnership with the halls of science, the galleries of art, the marts of commerce, and the temples of religion. It stands for manhood struggling amid difficulties and dangers towards the ideal. Its one aim is to produce the highest degree of manhood possible. It stands for light as against darkness; tolerance as against bigotry; truth as against error; virtue as against vice. It believes in man and his possibilities; in God and his unfailing goodness.

Masonry is not agnostic. The first lesson that falls on the ear of the entered apprentice is the value of prayer and his dependence on

God. Not a silent God, but one who has spoken and still speaks. Not an absent God, but one who is ever present to help struggling humanity as it journeys on towards the undiscovered country. Not a cold, unsympathetic God, but one touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

Even sorrow touched by him grows bright,
With more than rapture's ray,
As darkness shows us worlds of light,
We never saw by day.

Not a wrathful God, but one in whose mercy there is a wideness "like the wideness of the sea." Not a weak and helpless God, but one in whose arm there is the omnipotence of power. Not an erring God, who made man and failed, but a God who rules and overrules, who directs and controls with such wisdom, power, and love that we feel sure, that, in some far-off land, "every winter will turn to spring." When a Son of Mary was born the exultant angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth. Peace among men in whom he is well pleased." Thus will it read when translators do their full duty. Earth is taken in to share the glory with heaven. God is well pleased in men, as he sees what humanity will be when the teachings of the Prophet of Nazareth have become the law of the nations. You are pleased with your little boy's first efforts, because of what they promise. The sculptor is well pleased with the block of marble, because the eye of his genius sees the angel form. The farmer is well pleased with the broad prairie, covered with its rude grasses and odorless flowers, because he reads there the prophecy of bountiful harvests and blooming gardens. So God is well pleased in men. He sees what humanity is to be. The perfect man appeared once, showing what God is and what man may become. The rough ashler is being gradually smoothed and polished; the perfect ashler will by and by appear. God is the Master Workman. His years do not fail, but with infinite patience he toils on—his creation ongoing and eternal; his redemption a process rather than an accomplished fact. His work is done in "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," and it abideth forever. We build for the eternal ages. We are workers together with him. "The true projection of life is on the horizon of eternity." God is the inspiration of man. The unseen is the everlasting. The mightiest forces are the silent ones. Gravitation is silent but wellnigh omnipotent. Light comes from the sun, making the awful leap in eight seconds, but would not "in the mountain pine disturb a sparrow's nest."

The forces that produce character are the most important, though silent. Character is more than gold. Kind hearts are more than coronets; honor of more consequence than titles. To be true is more than to have great possessions. To serve faithfully is greater than to rule. To suffer patiently is higher than to win political honors. The Holy Bible, square, and compass are not mere orna-

ments of the lodgeroom. The Bible, blessed book, the record of the dealings of God with his chosen people until the fullness of time when the Prophet of Nazareth appeared and then a few chapters regarding the early struggles of his followers! The Bible, unequaled as to its history, poetry, philosophy, and ethics! The Bible, "the staff of hoary age, the guide of early youth!" The Bible, which our mothers baptized with tears, as they read its blessed promises! The Bible, which tells of duty and destiny and the life to come! The Bible, which, in spite of narrow dogmatists, or narrower infidels, still lives as the greatest and best boon to man on his journey down the ages! The Bible, God's own voice speaking out of the infinite depths to his child! Well may this Holy Book lie upon our altar, and may its precepts sink deep into every heart!

The square and compass convey inestimable lessons regarding our self-control and our relation to others. "He that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

The Man of Corsica could command armies. His indomitable will and superb genius enabled him to ride over Europe as a whirlwind. With his own finger he marked the boundaries of kingdoms and nations, and when temporarily defeated, he sprang once again from Elba's lonely isle and gathered his legions around him, and marshaled on the field of Waterloo. It took Wellington, Blucher, and God to hurl him from his pedestal of glory. But great as he was he never mastered himself.

The Man of Galilee gathered no armies, organized no schools; lived in poverty; submitted in perfect self-mastery his beautiful teachings to the world, and then walked calmly, serenely to Gethsemane, to Pilate's bar, to Calvary's cross, and died praying for his murderers.

His true followers in every age have won by losing; have gained honors by wearing crowns of thorns; have compelled the love and respect of the world by not seeking them; have found glory in the paths of humble service. More of glory comes from Paul's dungeon than Nero's throne; more honor from Bunyan's cell in Bedford jail than the throne of Britain's monarch. The heads of the serpents in the end are always crushed; the heels of the saviors are always bruised. It is from the cells of imprisoned reformers, the ashes of burned martyrs, and above all, from the cross of a crucified Christ, that the world gathers its largest inspirations.

To serve others is the highest honor and the greatest joy.

They came through the meadows of childhood together, hand in hand,
And often they talked of the future that waited in Manhood's Land;
And one saw ever the glory that crowns the peaks of Fame
In that strange and mystical country that no man giveth a name.
"Up to the heights whose beauty lures me by night and day
I will some time find, my comrade, with kindred souls, the way."
And because his eyes turned ever to the heights, he could not see
The beauty that was about him. Blind to it all was he.

But the other saw all the flowers that grew by the paths they trod,
He read on the hills and the meadows the wordless poems of God;
He saw the sin and the sorrow that was round him everywhere;
He spoke kind words to a comrade, and lightened his load of care.
"Here is work for my hands, my brother. I find it on every side.
It may not be grand, like a hero's, but I shall be satisfied
If into the lives of others I bring some hope and cheer,
And feel that the world is better because of my being here."

The ways their feet had followed parted in Manhood's Land,
And he whose eyes saw only the peaks far off and grand
Strove steadily on toward them, and paused not once by the way
To help and comfort a comrade as sometime the weakest may.
He climbed up the hills, and over their summit passed from sight,
And to-day he dwells in the glory that crowns the mystic height,
But no man's heart thrills warmly when another speaks his name.
Ah, that soul has need of pity which feeds on the husks of Fame!

But he who saw all about him work for his willing hands
Has done it faithfully, nobly, as by a King's commands.
He has helped the weak and the weary; he has comforted those who mourn,
And no man knoweth the number of burdens he has borne!
He sang, when his heart was heavy, songs full of hope and cheer,
And his songs brought comfort and courage, and all were glad to hear.
And men and women and children speak, lovingly his name.
Ah, happy is he who findeth that Love is better than Fame!

On our banners are emblazoned the words, Liberty, Equality,
Fraternity. These are words the meaning of which Americans understand more fully probably than any other people under heaven.
This is the land where—

The ballot falls as silently as the snowflake falls upon the sod,
And executes the freeman's will as lightning does the will of God.

"The feet of a few outcasts touched Plymouth Rock and it became famous."

Midst the storm they sang,
And the stars heard and the sea;
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang
With the anthem of the free.

The ocean eagle soared
From his nest by the wild waves' foam;
And the rocking pines of the forest roared—
This was their welcome home.

What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas? The spoils of war?
They sought a Faith's pure shrine.

Ah! Call it holy ground—
The soil where first they trod.
They have left unstained what here they found:
Freedom to worship God.

They braved the dangers of the deep, and greater dangers of the shore, for liberty. They would submit neither to king nor priest. They would not bow to tyrant, civil or ecclesiastical. May we prove ourselves worthy sons of such illustrious sires. The last battle for freedom has not yet been fought. The history of our nation is one long struggle for liberty, and it is not ended—and will not be while oppression lifts a finger, while a wrong remains unredressed, while a right is still unrecognized, while an unjust burden presses upon any shoulder.

It is high time that the American government recognized the rights of the Cuban patriots who struggle to-day as our fathers did in the long ago. Spirit of Lexington, and Concord, and Bunker Hill speak, and let your voice be heard once again! Where one man holds another down, two men are lost to the world. One is a tyrant; the other is a slave. Neither has any place under the government of a good God. We owe it to both to overthrow the one and liberate the other.

Where a peaceful adjustment of differences is possible between nations no resort should be had to arms. Such an adjudication of the Venezuela question is surely possible between the two great English-speaking nations of the globe. Surely the Union Jack and the Starry Flag can float peacefully under God's blue sky. May they wave in peace and harmony until the judgment fires are kindled. The lands of Alfred and of Washington, the lands of Cromwell and of Lincoln, the lands of Tennyson and of Whittier, the lands of the Anglo-Saxon tongue, must be one in civilization, and culture, and religion. "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

It cannot be claimed that all men are equal morally, socially, intellectually; but before the law—no slaves, no serfs, no bondsmen. Yet, my brethren, is there not a bondage even in this proud America? The greatest of Scotia's bards sang long since:

If I'm designed yon lordling's slave—
By nature's law designed,
Why was an independent wish
E'er planted in my mind?
If not, why am I subject
To his cruelty or scorn?
And why has man the will or power
To make his fellow mourn?

The man "who begs a brother of the earth to give him leave to toil" is not free, and has not found the equality of the race and knows not the fraternity of man. The millionaire who holds his millions of dollars while millions of men and women and children are in absolute want has not the spirit of fraternity. The system of statesmanship that gives us extreme poverty among the poor and

the concentration of wealth, as we find it, in the hands of a few is contrary to the spirit of fraternity.

Alas! that gold should be so dear,
And flesh and blood so cheap.

In Boston "one woman makes cheap overcoats at four cents apiece; another knee pants for boys at sixteen cents a dozen pairs." In this same city "there is a fruit market where Hamburg grapes are regularly in stock at ten dollars a pound. Florida berries are sold (thirteen in a cup) at four dollars a cup."

In New York City there are over eleven hundred millionaires, worth from one to one hundred millions each, and two-thirds of the population live in tenement houses. In the same city we read of a ten thousand dollar banquet, and 3,819 people buried in the potter's field in one year.

A ball costing fifty thousand in progress at Delmonico's, and at the same time on the curbstone a poor woman shivered, with a baby in her arms frozen to death. It had been dead for hours, and she knew it not.

These are extreme cases, but they point to a state of things that must cause anxiety to all good men.

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, another glorious trinity of words, are embodied in a Mason's creed.

We are all journeying on to the shores of the unknown land. Let the kindly word and helpful deed fill up the passing years, and thus shall we have lived to a noble purpose, and not in vain.

Our brethren of the Mystic Tie have a strong claim upon us for patience, for love, and sympathy. We do not know the burdens which they bear, the thorns which pierce their unshod feet, the sorrows that press upon their hearts; and if their lives are marked by many imperfections, they are our brethren still, and the broad mantle of a Mason's charity will cover their many failures. Let this mantle cover them while they live, and not wait until death has closed the eye and ear and stopped the beating of the heart.

Our ministry of mercy must not be confined to the brethren, but, when these obligations are fully met, should be extended to all of Adam's unfortunate sons. Herein is true greatness; herein is manhood's real wealth and worth. How much is he worth? How much was John Maynard worth, as he laid down his life on the burning ship that the passengers might be saved? How much was Jim Root worth, as he ran his engine through a sea of fire? How much was the unknown fireman worth who so aided him in the perilous ride—the race with death? How much was the unnamed Irishman worth who saved a score or more precious lives at the gravel pit in Hinckley? How much was Henry Ward Beecher worth to America, as Plymouth pulpit thundered forth for freedom and the

rights of man, and as he spoke words of power in English cities in favor of the imperiled Union? How much was the man from Illinois worth to America and to the world, coming from the obscurity of a Kentucky forest, from poverty, from the humblest walks of life, rising step by step in the path which God marked out for his feet until he took his seat in the White House as president of a distracted country, keeping his hand on the helm of the ship of state during four most terrible years, and dying just as the nation was saved? How much was Abraham Lincoln worth? His name is an inspiration to the toiling man, to the soldier, the statesman, the patriot, and will endure through centuries and gather luster from each passing year—mightiest among the sons of men since Moses passed away from Pisgah's summit. The men whose names endure are remembered, not because of wealth but because of character.

The question is not, What has he? but, What is he? Not, Where was he born? but, Who is he? Not, What is his title? but, What are his achievements? Large opportunities may not be ours, but let us use faithfully the opportunities that we find within easy reach.

If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet.
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay;
You can lend a hand to help them,
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley
While the multitudes go by.
You can chant in happy measure
As they slowly pass along,
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song.

The claimants to greatness come before us one by one. What is your claim? "I touch the canvas with my brush, and it speaks." And yours? "I with mallet and chisel bring out the angel form from the block of marble." And yours? "I walk where the Muses haunt, and catching their inspiration, I write the immortal lines that coming ages will sing." And yours? "I lead my embattled followers on the field of war. The bursting shell and booming cannon are music to my ear." And yours? "I climb the hill of science, and gather laurels that can be found only on its summit." Great are ye all. Your glory never shall be dimmed. But listen. I hear a voice. It comes floating down on the winds of twenty centuries. It is the voice of the young man from the carpenter shop of Nazareth. What

is your claim? "I make no claim," he answers. "I have come to seek and to save that which was lost." How will you do this? "I lay down my life for my enemies." Hush! Stand aside, all other claimants. On this brow, pierced with many thorns, the world will place the crown of glory. In this hand, holding only the reed as a mock scepter, the world will place the scepter of universal dominion. To this man, for whom there was only a cross, the universe gladly yields itself as his throne, and the earth becomes his footstool. He died, and rose again; and thus the symbolism of the sprig of acacia finds its true significance. Thus the great doctrine of immortality is shadowed forth to mind and heart, and we are enabled to sing—

On the pale cheek of Death smiles and roses are blooming,
And beauty immortal awakes from the tomb.

Our altars are not places that "slope through darkness up to God," but holy shrines where God himself comes down to kiss his soiled and ragged children.

The first masonic builders erected temples. Masonry is still erecting temples. Your work, my brother, is to be yourself a living stone in the eternal temple, and to aid in bringing others in.

Thine the needed truth to speak,
Right the wronged, and raise the weak.
Thine to make earth's desert glad—
In its Eden greenness clad.
Thine to work as well as pray,
Clearing thorny wrongs away—
Plucking up the weeds of sin;
Letting Heaven's warm sunshine in;
Watching on the hills of faith;
Listening what the Spirit saith.
Catching gleams of temple spires;
Hearing notes from angel choirs.
Like the Seer of Patmos, gazing
On the glory downward blazing;
Till upon earth's graceful sod
Rests the city of our God."

Then,

Go forth and haste the time—
By good men prayed for long—
When Christian states, grown wise and just,
Shall scorn revenge and wrong.
When earth's oppressed and savage tribes,
No more shall pine and roam;
All taught to prize those English words—
Faith, Freedom, Heaven, and Home.

APPENDIX A—GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE G. L. OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, FEB. 24, 1883, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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DATE INSTALLED.	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	SENIOR G. W.	JUNIOR G. W.	G. TREASURER.	G. SECRETARY.	ON
Feb. 24, 1883	A. E. Ames*	A. Goodrich*	D. F. Brawley*	A. Van Vorhes*	E. Case*	J. G. Lennon*	2
Jan. 3, 1884	A. E. Ames*	A. T. C. Pierson*	A. Van Vorhes*	A. T. C. Pierson*	E. Case*	H. Reynolds	4
Jan. 5, 1885	M. Sherburne*	A. T. C. Pierson*	C. T. Stearns*	A. Van Vorhes*	E. Case*	H. Reynolds	2
Jan. 11, 1886	A. T. C. Pierson*	H. N. Setzer	Thos. J. Lombard	E. A. Hodgson*	E. Case*	H. Reynolds	4
Jan. 8, 1887	A. T. C. Pierson*	Wm. H. Mower*	E. A. Hodgson*	William Lee	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	15
Jan. 8, 1888	A. T. C. Pierson*	D. B. Loomis	Frank Mantou*	A. C. Smith*	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	19
Oct. 27, 1888	A. T. C. Pierson*	D. B. Loomis	Frank Mantou*	Samuel E. Adams	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	5
Oct. 26, 1889	A. T. C. Pierson*	D. B. Loomis	Samuel E. Adams	J. C. Whipple*	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	5
Oct. 25, 1890	A. T. C. Pierson*	J. C. Whipple*	J. C. Whipple*	J. C. Whipple*	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	5
Oct. 23, 1891†	A. T. C. Pierson*	L. E. Thompson*	L. E. Thompson*	George Bradley*	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	5
Oct. 23, 1892	A. T. C. Pierson*	L. E. Thompson*	L. E. Thompson*	W. T. Rigby	E. Case*	Geo. W. Prescott	5
Oct. 23, 1893	Geo. W. Prescott	P. P. Hubbell*	E. C. Cooley*	A. B. Cherry	Geo. L. Otis	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Oct. 23, 1894	Geo. W. Prescott	W. T. Rigby	R. Robert Stewart*	A. J. Phelps	Geo. L. Otis	C. W. Carpenter	5
Oct. 24, 1895	Charles W. Nash	A. J. Jones*	S. R. Merrell*	S. R. Merrell*	Geo. L. Otis	Wm. S. Conals	5
Oct. 23, 1896†	Charles W. Nash	A. J. Jones*	S. R. Merrell*	S. Y. Hyde	Geo. L. Otis	Wm. S. Conals	5
Jan. 15, 1899	Charles W. Nash	G. B. Cooley	S. Y. Hyde	S. Y. Hyde	Geo. L. Otis	Wm. S. Conals	5
Jan. 13, 1870	Charles W. Nash	C. Griswold	E. D. B. Porter†	Fred. Jess*	Geo. L. Otis	Wm. S. Conals	5
Jan. 12, 1871	G. B. Cooley*	C. Griswold	J. N. Castle	J. F. Morford*	Geo. L. Otis	Wm. S. Conals	5
Jan. 12, 1872	G. B. Cooley*	J. N. Castle	J. N. Castle	E. F. Barnum	Geo. L. Otis	Wm. S. Conals	5
Jan. 15, 1873	C. Griswold	J. N. Castle	J. N. Castle	L. E. Cummings*	Geo. L. Otis	E. D. B. Porter†	12
Jan. 15, 1874	C. Griswold	J. N. Castle	J. N. Castle	L. E. Cummings*	Geo. L. Otis	E. D. B. Porter†	12
Jan. 13, 1875	J. C. Braden*	J. C. Braden*	L. E. Cummings*	H. R. Wells	Geo. A. Camp*	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 13, 1876	J. C. Braden*	J. C. Braden*	L. E. Cummings*	A. J. Edgerton	Geo. A. Camp*	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 11, 1877	E. W. Durant	E. W. Durant	L. Z. Rogers	C. O. Ball*	Geo. A. Camp*	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 16, 1878	Henry R. Wells	H. R. Wells	C. H. Benton*	C. N. Daniels*	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 15, 1879	Henry R. Wells	C. H. Benton*	C. H. Benton*	George A. Camp*	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 14, 1880	Henry R. Wells	C. H. Benton*	C. H. Benton*	J. H. Brown*	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 12, 1881	Henry R. Wells	C. H. Benton*	Henry R. Denny	R. H. Gove	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 11, 1882	C. H. Benton*	C. H. Benton*	Henry R. Denny	R. H. Gove	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 10, 1883	C. H. Benton*	C. H. Benton*	Henry R. Denny	R. H. Gove	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 16, 1884	Henry R. Denny	R. H. Gove	R. H. Gove	A. P. Fitch	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 14, 1885	Henry R. Denny	R. H. Gove	R. H. Gove	C. H. Smith	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 13, 1886	R. H. Brown*	J. H. Brown*	J. A. Kiestler	A. Marden	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 12, 1887	J. H. Brown*	J. H. Brown*	J. A. Kiestler	A. Marden	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 12, 1888	J. H. Brown*	J. H. Brown*	J. A. Kiestler	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 17, 1889	J. H. Brown*	J. H. Brown*	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 15, 1891	J. A. Kiestler	J. A. Kiestler	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 17, 1890	J. A. Kiestler	J. A. Kiestler	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	5
Jan. 14, 1892	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	54
Jan. 12, 1893	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	54
Jan. 11, 1894	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	54
Jan. 12, 1895	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	54
Jan. 17, 1896	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	54
Jan. 16, 1896	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	Alphonso Barto	J. H. Thompson	A. T. C. Pierson*	54

* Deceased. † No session of Grand Lodge in 1862 or 1868. Expelled.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

NUMBER.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
1	St. Johns.	Sillwater.	Washington.	June 9, '52	Jacob R. Kollner	Fred A. Lenox.	L. L. Munvaring.	Henry S. Smith.	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Carruct.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	Oct. 5, '52	C. B. Leonard	H. J. Putman.	R. H. Hartley.	Solen Armstrong.	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.	St. Paul.	Ramsey.	Jan. 10, '56	Archibald Christie	Edward McRay.	Robert Wellisc.	A. W. Mortenson.	2 and 4 Fri.
4	Hennepin.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	" 2, '54	C. J. Bevan	H. S. Mead.	R. W. Bruce.	J. T. Thompson.	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landm'k	St. Paul.	Ramsey.	" 3, '54	John S. Plimney	Elman L. Spencer	John D. Grant.	Milton T. Finery.	2 and 4 Thu.
6	Dakota.	Hastings.	Dakota.	" 3, '56	C. W. Munroe.	Geo. A. Emerson.	A. E. Johnson.	Julius Paus.	2 and 4 Wed.
7	Red Wing.	Red Wing.	Goodhue.	" 9, '56	Hugo J. Hawley	Earl J. North.	Albert J. Kappel.	G. H. Diegenbrock	1 Mon.
8	Furbault.	Furbault.	Rice.	Oct. 25, '55	W. B. Hawley	H. L. Luther.	J. R. Smith.	F. A. Davis.	2 and 4 Mon.
9	Marionville.	Marionville.	Dodge.	Jan. 6, '57	J. M. F. Cooper.	A. A. Culver.	F. R. Joslyn.	W. W. Campbell.	2 and 4 Tue.
10	Wapukusa.	Mankato.	Blue Earth.	" 6, '57	Clark Keyser.	Jean A. Fiddle.	Judson N. Day.	Wm. S. Howe.	2 and 4 Tue.
11	Mankato.	Wabasha.	Wright.	" 6, '57	M. W. Dady	J. A. Vandye.	Geo. H. Gammans	A. I. Stone.	2 and 4 Sat.
12	Monticello.	Monticello.	Winona.	" 8, '57	E. H. Sherwin.	A. H. Pike.	M. J. Kingsbury.	R. M. Piper.	1 and 3 Mon.
13	Hokah.	Hokah.	Houston.	" 8, '57	L. T. Lyon.	James D. Becker.	George Crowe.	E. M. Piper.	1 and 3 Sat.
14	Winona.	Winona.	Hennepin.	" 8, '57	E. Stott.	G. P. Tawney.	O. M. Botford.	A. J. Snare.	1 and 3 Tue.
15	Minneapolis.	Minneapolis.	Houston.	" 7, '58	Henry R. Adams.	H. D. Dickinson.	C. D. Raymer.	J. J. Hillmer.	1 and 3 Wed.
16	Caladonia.	Rochester.	Onsted.	" 8, '58	W. G. Drowley.	Hudson Wheaton.	Eli Helletson.	H. M. Myers.	1 and 3 Wed.
17	Pleasant Grove.	Pleasant Grove.	Onsted.	" 8, '58	W. W. Churchill.	John M. Rowley.	James Petty.	Moses Emery.	2 and 4 Wed.
18	North Star.	St. Cloud.	Stearns.	" 8, '58	George Logan.	Adison Reese.	Chris T. Favett.	Wm. F. Roessler.	2 and 4 Mon.
19	Wilton.	Alma City.	Waseca.	" 8, '58	David T. Calhoun	Jas. F. Stephens.	James T. Favett.	John C. Munro.	2 and 4 Mon.
20	Western Star.	Albany Lea.	Freeborn.	Oct. 27, '58	J. S. Chapman	Wm. T. Lamson.	E. H. Chusen.	H. T. Coffeen.	1 and 3 Tue.
21	Blue Earth Valley	Winnabago Cy	Fairbault.	" 27, '58	J. W. W. Quiggle.	C. F. Town.	J. E. Wahlbutter.	O. J. Wulf.	1 and 3 Tue.
22	Clear Water.	Clearwater.	Wright.	" 27, '58	C. D. Whittemore.	Joseph Finch.	J. E. Gilman.	J. H. Sherin.	2 and 3 Wed.
23	Morning Star.	La Crescent.	Houston.	" 28, '59	Joseph Robellard.	C. D. Keene.	J. E. Boryington.	Leman L. Fish.	1 and 3 Tue.
24	Anoka.	Anoka.	Anoka.	" 28, '59	Oscar L. Cutter.	R. W. Luther.	B. Wenz.	E. E. Harris.	1 and 3 Sat.
25	King Hram.	Jordan.	Scott.	" 24, '60	Ed. R. Bristol.	Okey K. Cole.	Geo. D. Bartlett.	E. C. Page.	2 and 4 Fri.
26	Sakatah.	Waterville.	Le Sueur.	" 24, '60	H. E. Blair.	C. C. Hannis.	Henry A. Engler.	Geo. W. Pickell.	1 and 3 Sat.
27	Star in the East.	Owatonna.	Steele.	" 24, '60	P. J. Rolfe.	William Mork.	Geo. Rosbrook.	S. H. Farrington.	2 and 4 Wed.
28	Oriental.	Cannon Falls.	Goodhue.	" 24, '60	Hiram E. Conley	Leonard A. Rosing	C. H. Rosbrook.	D. J. Ames.	1 and 3 Sat.
29	Mt. Moriah.	Hastings.	Dakota.	" 24, '60	Walker S. Tuttle.	A. M. Adist.	James M. Morgan.	John A. Wilson.	1 and 3 Mon.
30	Preston.	Preston.	Fillmore.	" 23, '61	Harry E. Wertz.	Henry M. Wells.	N. G. Hazen.	S. B. Tades.	2 and 4 Wed.
31	Mystic Tie.	Pine Island.	Goodhue.	" 23, '61	Chas. L. Parham.	Westley Prentice.	A. H. Irish.	Jullins Johnson.	2 and 4 Wed.
32	Washington.	West Concord.	Dodge.	" 23, '61	H. W. Severns.	D. C. Gardner.	E. H. Catlin.	W. D. Hayward.	2 and 4 Wed.
33	Fidelity.	Austin.	Mower.	" 23, '61	A. C. Page.	E. Williamson.	F. B. Wood.	J. W. Miller.	2 and 4 Sat.
34	Carmelian.	Lake City.	Wabasha.	" 28, '63	L. S. Lutz.	E. B. Chase.	W. A. Hubbard.	C. W. Willour.	1 and 3 Sat.
35	Herman.	Zumbrota.	Goodhue.	" 28, '63	E. Woodbury.	J. W. Fulkerson.	C. C. Rogers.	E. J. Manning.	2 and 4 Tue.
36				" 28, '63				Herman Anderson.	1 and 3 Thu.

42	Hope.....	Glencoe.....	McLeod.....	Oct. 25.....	63	Wm. C. Russell.....	Merrill C. Tift.....	Nelson Hassin.....	Everett H. Cornon.....	1 and 3 Sat.
43	Harmony.....	Lewisville.....	Winou.....	" 28.....	63	Lewis J. Balfour.....	J. W. Madison.....	H. C. Farrar.....	O. W. Hunt.....	1 and 3 Mon.
44	King Solomon.....	Shakopee.....	Scott.....	" 28.....	63	E. O. Smith.....	J. G. Kinds.....	A. H. Isenhour.....	C. C. Storer.....	2 and 3 Mon.
45	Union.....	Le Sueur.....	Le Sueur.....	" 29.....	64	Udo Steiner.....	E. B. Barrett.....	A. E. Cadwell.....	W. H. Stewart.....	1 and 3 Wed.
46	Evergreen.....	Tray.....	Winona.....	" 29.....	64	Wm. Walker.....	L. B. Clauson.....	Alvin Farnsworth.....	Robert J. Walker.....	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Concord.....	Winona.....	Le Sueur.....	" 29.....	64	J. W. Chambers.....	W. C. Davis.....	M. A. Hill.....	W. O. Shuey.....	1 and 3 Sat.
48	Northfield.....	Rice.....	Winona.....	" 29.....	64	John A. Way, Jr.....	H. O. Dille.....	John W. Hunter.....	W. C. Barnard.....	1 and 3 Wed.
49	Rising Sun.....	Watertown.....	Winona.....	" 29.....	64	Henry A. Coy.....	C. H. Ross.....	Acil Hendee.....	R. A. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Tns.
50	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	E. E. Shroder.....	M. L. Malsed.....	1 and 3 Tns.
51	Acaia.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	John Steinhilber.....	Peter Thompson.....	1 and 3 Tns.
52	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Coleman Bloomer.....	N. E. Patten.....	1 and 3 Tns.
53	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Ernst Leske.....	Geo. W. Seymour.....	1 and 3 Tns.
54	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	John H. Klugstey.....	Wm. H. Stabee.....	2 and 4 Wed.
55	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	M. V. Carpenter.....	F. E. Eastman.....	1 and 3 Sat.
56	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	W. D. Hart.....	A. R. Holman.....	1 and 3 Tns.
57	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	W. R. Davidson.....	E. J. Stearns.....	1 and 3 Sat.
58	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Edward Smith.....	P. Lamb.....	2 and 4 Tns.
59	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Chas. H. Dunn.....	Geo. H. Bush.....	1 and 3 Mon.
60	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	John W. Thompson.....	F. J. Benner.....	1 and 3 Sat.
61	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Harry G. Anstin.....	Loyal D. Colby.....	1 and 3 Sat.
62	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Malcom Aldrich.....	Geo. Wohlthutier.....	1 and 3 Tns.
63	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	H. C. Tyler.....	C. V. Holstrom.....	2 and 4 Tns.
64	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	J. E. Daycraft.....	W. A. Mallon.....	1 and 3 Tns.
65	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	W. E. Olson.....	H. H. Judson.....	1 and 3 Tns.
66	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	W. A. Huntington.....	E. A. Sykes.....	1 and 3 Sat.
67	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Henry Sherman.....	A. E. Bugble.....	2 and 4 Sat.
68	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Nelson K. Miller.....	O. C. La Bar.....	2 and 4 Sat.
69	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	W. I. McCann.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
70	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	H. F. Lehmann.....	J. M. Wyckoff.....	1 and 3 Mon.
71	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Wm. Blasing.....	Willis A. Wisle.....	1 and 3 Sat.
72	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Aug. L. Poehle.....	Wm. T. Cowing.....	1 and 3 Sat.
73	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Enoch E. Ritchey.....	Wm. T. Blasing.....	2 and 4 Wed.
74	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	D. J. W. Sonerville.....	Otto H. Friggie.....	1 and 3 Wed.
75	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	G. F. Robinson.....	Aug. E. Anderson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
76	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	D. G. Brown.....	Taylor Robinson.....	1 and 3 Wed.
77	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	M. J. Rucker.....	J. E. Brown.....	1 and 3 Wed.
78	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	B. Bierl.....	L. L. Mathews.....	1 and 3 Sat.
79	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	James Robinson.....	J. M. Nye.....	1 and 3 Tns.
80	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	M. B. Hutchinson.....	J. W. Wright.....	2 and 4 Tns.
81	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	F. M. Randall.....	C. P. Randall.....	1 and 4 Fri.
82	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Geo. Whittemore.....	J. L. Torrens.....	1 and 3 Wed.
83	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	" 29.....	64	J. A. McGarrigle, Sr.....	W. St. John.....	Geo. Whittemore.....	Wm. Neely.....	2 Wed.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NUMBER.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
95	Unity.....	Sank Rapids.	Benton.....	Jan 10, '72	L. L. Sartell.....	F. A. Sartell.....	A. E. Tucker.....	Wayland Miller.....	1 and 3 Sat.
94	Keystone.....	Shokey Eye.	Brown.....	" 10, '72	Jesse Palmer.....	L. F. Larson.....	Emil Rasmussen.....	Wayland Miller.....	1 and 3 Tns.
95	Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	Stearns.....	" 10, '72	W. F. Chadbourne.....	Amos L. Carlson.....	Ehura E. Bryant.....	D. R. Houlton.....	1 and 3 Tns.
96	Lithum.....	St. James.	Wabasha.....	" 15, '73	W. H. Hiles.....	P. W. Hunter.....	Thos. Torson.....	Wm. J. Roberts.....	1 and 4 Tns.
97	Prudence.....	Winona.....	Cottonwood.....	" 15, '73	C. W. Smith.....	E. Steedman.....	Geo. S. Henslow.....	E. A. Sime.....	1 and 4 Tns.
98	Charity.....	New Ulm.	Brown.....	" 15, '73	W. H. Heldemann.....	Chas. W. Heinmann.....	Wm. A. Hubbard.....	G. Schmidt.....	1 and 4 Tns.
99	Corner Stone.....	Perkasie Falls.	Otter Tail.....	" 15, '73	J. T. Johnson.....	E. E. Hensley.....	E. F. Brown.....	R. F. Brown.....	1 and 4 Tns.
100	Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	Crow Wing.....	" 15, '73	G. F. Mitchell.....	G. D. La Bar.....	J. A. McConkey.....	A. G. Gallup.....	1 and 4 Tns.
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington.....	Nodles.....	" 15, '73	Benj. F. Thurber.....	W. S. Henry.....	Chas. H. Sibley.....	Reagan B. Potts.....	1 and 4 Tns.
102	Lakeland.....	Lanesboro.....	Tillmore.....	" 15, '73	Wm. F. Wall.....	Jas. C. Durfee.....	Chas. H. Sibley.....	M. G. Fellows.....	1 and 3 Mon.
103	Bethel.....	Lake Crystal.	Ellis Barth.....	" 15, '73	Wm. J. Callen.....	Edwin C. Hamlin.....	B. O. Kyseth.....	W. R. Robinson.....	1 and 3 Mon.
104	Sharon.....	Willmar.....	Kandiyohi.....	" 15, '73	James Sanderson.....	Olof Olson.....	S. B. Gvale.....	J. D. Walpert.....	1 and 3 Sat.
106	Mt. Taber.....	Detroit.....	Dodge.....	" 14, '74	Jett. H. Irish.....	W. J. Morrow.....	H. F. Jacobs.....	Casper Wickman.....	2 and 4 Fri.
108	Isabel.....	Dodge Center.	Dodge.....	" 14, '74	Chas. E. Barber.....	W. B. Parsons.....	F. C. Ballard.....	Harry P. Phillips.....	2 and 4 Fri.
109	Sunset.....	Manlyville.....	Chippewa.....	" 14, '74	Geo. Salsbury.....	Elmer L. Dunlap.....	R. S. Bacon.....	J. O. Haugland.....	1 and 3 Sat.
110	Plebyick.....	Flickwick.....	Winona.....	" 13, '75	Geo. C. Goetze.....	James L. Finch.....	W. H. Harrington.....	Thos. B. Rand.....	2 and 4 Sat.
111	Carver.....	Carver.....	Carver.....	" 13, '75	A. J. Switzer.....	Wm. H. Caspell.....	Fred Gell.....	O. C. Brunus.....	1 and 4 Sat.
112	Kiaraun.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '75	C. O. Woodruff.....	D. W. Knowlton.....	J. H. Abbott.....	C. A. Miller.....	1 and 4 Fri.
113	Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	Lacquer.....	" 13, '75	John Kelley.....	W. B. Mason.....	A. H. Leman.....	M. W. Bennett.....	2 and 4 Fri.
114	Ben. Franklin.....	Laverne.....	Lacquer.....	" 13, '75	J. W. Bryant.....	John P. Hong.....	Wm. Maynes.....	C. F. Ronald.....	2 and 4 Fri.
115	Elgin.....	Wabasha.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	J. W. Graves.....	R. L. Wood.....	H. C. Woodruff.....	W. E. Hobson.....	1 and 4 Fri.
116	Lafayette.....	Walker.....	Walker.....	" 12, '76	F. B. Bryant.....	A. E. Warren.....	George Foster.....	J. N. Thatcher.....	1 and 4 Sat.
117	Granite Falls.....	Granite Falls.....	Yellow Melt.....	" 12, '76	M. C. Sullivan.....	A. R. Rowe.....	J. Jenevieve.....	O. Hartwick.....	1 and 3 Sat.
118	Newport.....	Newport.....	Washington.....	" 12, '76	J. O. Mackintosh.....	J. M. Trickey.....	H. J. Bally.....	H. A. Durand.....	1 and 3 Tns.
119	Marshall.....	Marshall.....	Lyons.....	" 12, '76	J. E. Maxson.....	W. S. Scaries.....	Wm. Rogers.....	S. N. Harrington.....	2 and 4 Fri.
121	Grand Meadow.....	Grand Meadow.....	Lyons.....	" 12, '76	George W. Day.....	Geo. A. Correll.....	Frank H. Townsend.....	Murson O. Whale.....	2 and 4 Fri.
122	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '76	H. W. Canfield.....	John M. Wolfe.....	Geo. Getson.....	E. E. Wentworth.....	2 and 4 Sat.
123	Frederic.....	Bloom g Fr. Fr.	Steele.....	" 12, '76	Thos. S. Morton.....	Rich H. Johnson.....	John Jurgenson.....	Chas. W. Treat.....	2 and 4 Tns.
124	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	Wassica.....	" 12, '76	D. J. Dodge.....	Edward S. Lieberg.....	M. A. Deyereux.....	L. D. Rogers.....	2 and 4 Wed.
125	Winstow Lewis.....	Osseno.....	Hennepin.....	" 10, '77	C. M. Henry.....	E. J. Storms.....	L. Schuyppach.....	Wm. Krueger.....	2 and 4 Tns.
126	Moorehead.....	Moorehead.....	Clay.....	" 10, '77	F. H. Peterson.....	Geo. Sheffield.....	Ole Thorsen.....	Wm. Krueger.....	1 and 4 Tns.
128	Josephine.....	Maplehead.....	Blue Earth.....	" 10, '77	James P. Emerson.....	Jas. S. Taylor.....	Wesley D. Sprague.....	Robt. Sutherland.....	2 and 4 Wed.
129	Swift.....	Benson.....	Swift.....	" 10, '77	L. J. Lagson.....	Arnold Olson.....	C. H. Colly.....	G. O. Thompson.....	2 and 4 Tns.
130	Arcareus.....	Red Wing.....	Goodhue.....	" 16, '78	L. J. Kellogg.....	W. R. Miller.....	A. J. Johnson.....	Geo. M. Harlow.....	2 Tns.
131	Alma.....	Lele.....	Mower.....	" 16, '78	O. J. Fuent.....	Henry Mosher.....	S. S. Elliott.....	C. W. Lacy.....	2 Tns.
132	Humboldt.....	Carver.....	Carver.....	" 15, '78	A. H. Ackermann.....	H. S. Vogler.....	Christ. Hansar.....	H. C. Ackermann.....	2 and 4 Sat.

123	Golden Shief.	Morris.	Stevens.	Jan. 16, '78	Wm. B. Hancock.	Chas. H. Leamen.	Henry S. Judson.	Hugh R. Spurr.	1 and 3 Sat.
124	Cokato.	Cokato.	Wright.	" 15, '79	Mancor Johnson.	J. A. Blum.	J. A. Stenberg.	J. A. Moores.	2 and 4 Sat.
125	Nelson.	Nelson.	Redwood.	" 15, '79	O. H. Bushnell.	H. B. Griffing.	John Varner.	Thomas Heller.	2 and 4 Mon.
126	Walnut.	Walnut Grove.	Redwood.	" 15, '79	A. J. Griswold.	A. Evans.	S. S. Galt.	P. F. Goff.	1 and 3 Sat.
127	Appleton.	Appleton.	Swift.	" 14, '80	J. S. Evers.	J. R. Dow.	Benard Miller.	R. C. Maxwell.	2 and 4 Sat.
128	Orton.	Atwater.	Kandiyohi.	" 14, '80	C. E. Macomber.	Jas. H. Strong.	C. M. Hastings.	Peter Larson.	2 and 4 Sat.
129	Vendale.	Vendale.	Wadena.	" 14, '80	Theo. Farington.	W. Seale.	C. M. Hastings.	C. Ditmore.	1 and 3 Tus.
130	Little Falls.	Little Falls.	Morrison.	" 14, '80	Geo. F. Foster.	O. C. Trace.	W. D. Brown.	H. R. Robertson.	1 and 3 Fri.
131	Crookston.	Crookston.	Polk.	" 14, '80	Tom Morris.	A. C. Owing.	W. G. Lytle.	Frank W. Lyon.	2 and 4 Mon.
132	Currie.	Currie.	Murray.	" 12, '81	John Currie.	Wm. H. Crowl.	L. G. Gates.	Wm. H. Molten.	1 and 3 Sat.
133	Lake View.	Ortonville.	Big Stone.	" 12, '81	John Michell.	Hayden French.	Henry L. Zweifel.	Wm. H. Molten.	1 and 3 Sat.
134	Bird Island.	Bird Island.	Renville.	" 12, '81	J. H. Feeter.	A. J. Richardson.	Arthur Chellis.	Albert Brown.	1 and 3 Sat.
135	Benton.	Lake Benton.	Lincoln.	" 12, '81	C. W. Steites.	Chas. Whitman.	Arthur Blyden.	Henry Potter.	1 and 3 Fri.
136	Candy.	Candy.	Yellow Med'ne	" 11, '82	J. P. Lester.	Wm. M. Lerwick.	E. F. Wood.	J. M. Hull.	1 and 3 Sat.
137	Quarry.	Pipestone.	Pipestone.	" 11, '82	Julius C. Goodnow.	Wm. McGilvray.	Geo. W. Nash.	Max Menzel.	1 and 3 Mon.
138	Guarden.	Brownston.	McLeod.	" 11, '82	F. G. Padden.	Allen Wilson.	C. E. Butler.	Frank Mann.	1 and 3 Wed.
139	Warren.	Warren.	Marshall.	" 11, '82	J. P. Easton.	W. N. Powell.	C. A. Neill.	F. W. Planders.	1 and 3 Wed.
140	Chaska.	Chaska.	Carver.	" 11, '82	Ransom Phelps.	Edmund Salter.	J. A. Noyes.	Howard M. Oerter.	1 and 3 Wed.
141	Frontier.	Frontier.	Wilkin.	" 10, '83	F. C. Campbell.	Theo. Harcum.	Joseph C. Wood.	Ed. H. Ellsworth.	1 and 3 Tus.
142	Kodahyt.	Bredentridge.	Traverse.	" 10, '83	Louis Hintze.	Peter Sharpe.	Adolph G. Gerber.	Nels Johnson, Jr.	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Norman.	Brown Valley.	Norman.	" 10, '83	Frederick Trent.	Fred P. Starr.	T. C. Field.	H. M. Workman.	1 and 3 Sat.
144	Tracy.	Tracy.	Lyons.	" 10, '83	Geo. E. Reed.	W. H. Dush.	W. C. Young.	L. E. Davison.	2 and 4 Sat.
145	Wadena.	Wadena.	Older Trail.	" 16, '84	H. A. Reed.	C. H. Nixson.	G. P. Gliner.	A. M. Ericson.	2 and 4 Sat.
146	Pebham.	Pebham.	Todd.	" 14, '85	D. A. Turfs.	A. M. Darling.	Geo. M. Blackberry.	Geo. Williams.	2 and 4 Fri.
147	Hector.	Hector.	Pope.	" 14, '85	John Chadwick.	Orto Leht.	L. B. Gantleberry.	H. A. Perkins.	1 and 3 Mon.
148	Prescott.	Prescott.	Grant.	" 14, '85	W. R. Holly.	James E. Stalker.	A. W. Wells.	E. W. Snyder.	1 and 3 Tus.
149	Sunnit.	Sunnit.	Ramsay.	" 14, '85	James E. Orm.	C. O. Wenger.	Chas. H. Goodrich.	Robert B. Ware.	2 and 4 Fri.
150	Jasper.	Jasper.	Chicago.	" 13, '86	Alvin J. Stowe.	Chas. E. Jackson.	John D. Hoar.	Jas. D. Macklam.	1 and 4 Sat.
151	Minnehah.	Minnehah.	Hennepin.	" 13, '86	Edmond H. Abbott.	Wesley A. Stevens.	Wm. O. Clark.	Henry S. Goff.	2 and 4 Sat.
152	Garnet.	White Bear.	Ramsay.	" 13, '86	David Hintze.	C. F. Francis.	N. M. Hensel.	J. E. Eckstrand.	2 and 4 Tus.
153	Agate.	Campbell.	Wilkin.	" 13, '86	Edward Valentine.	John Drummond.	Maechel Mullen.	Wm. J. Champion.	2 and 4 Wed.
154	Bradley.	St. Paul.	Wichita.	" 13, '86	Frank D. Bell.	A. W. Jones.	Thomas Guinness.	L. J. Hart.	1 and 3 Wed.
155	Pierson.	Barnesville.	Chas.	" 12, '87	Wm. H. Lanphere.	John F. Chas.	Chas. B. Augur.	Guy Howard.	1 and 3 Tus.
156	Fulda.	Fulda.	Murray.	" 12, '87	Vincent J. Hawkins.	John Hyslop.	Chas. B. Augur.	Emil King.	1 and 3 Tus.
157	Shelkna.	St. Paul.	Ramsay.	" 12, '88	John W. Barker.	Pos. Gold.	Chas. S. Schurman.	Chas. C. Sharp.	1 and 3 Mon.
158	Marquette.	Marquette.	Lac qui Parle.	" 12, '88	Becher Freeman.	H. M. Griffin.	Clark P. Smith.	Chas. J. Orton.	2 and 4 Sat.
159	Pimble Lake.	Main Prairie.	Steam.	" 12, '88	John W. Barker.	A. M. Montford.	Wm. Driver.	David E. Stanley.	2 and 4 Sat.
160	Valley.	Valley.	Pope.	" 12, '88	Chas. D. Giddings.	James Crocker.	Marlin Ward.	Carl L. Peterson.	1 and 3 Tus.
161	Roman Eagle.	Adrian.	Nobles.	" 12, '88	C. C. May.	Chas. C. Becker.	G. C. Byland.	L. M. Kaplan.	1 and 3 Tus.
162	Ark.	Minneapolis.	Hennepin.	" 12, '88	High R. Scott.	Chas. Wilkins.	Leon A. Cox.	Henry A. Hamlin.	1 and 3 Mon.
163	Rough Ashler.	Belle Plaine.	Scott.	" 12, '88	E. E. Chamberlain.	E. E. Chard.	P. Bills.	F. J. Whitlock.	2 and 4 Mon.
164	Anchor.	Royalton.	Morrison.	" 12, '88	Geo. E. Putney.	G. A. Hollenbeck.	Wm. T. Estey.	Chas. F. Connor.	2 and 4 Sat.
165	King David.	Elmore.	Turtan.	" 17, '89	D. L. Owens.	S. H. Taylor.	Wm. T. Spencer.	P. H. Williams.	2 and 4 Sat.

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NUMBR.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
180	Osakis.....	Douglas.....	Douglas.....	Jan. 17, '89	John H. Rock.....	Wm. H. Crowe.....	And. G. Glickson.....	C. H. Bronson.....	2 and 4 Sat.
181	Dittles.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 17, '89	F. P. Thompson.....	Henry E. Allen.....	Leroy A. Fish.....	Barton H. Hayes.....	1 and 3 Tus.
182	Fair Haven.....	Stearns.....	Stearns.....	" 16, '90	W. S. Huntington.....	O. S. Randolph.....	W. D. McDonald.....	W. D. McDonald.....	1 and 3 Mon.
183	Park Rapids.....	Humboldt.....	Humboldt.....	" 16, '90	E. K. Nichols.....	J. W. Blood.....	O. S. Keay.....	J. F. Smith.....	1 and 3 Tus.
184	Shell.....	Ramsay.....	Ramsay.....	" 16, '90	Horace Pentacost.....	Chas. N. Akers.....	Wm. H. Turner.....	Hans Rasmussen.....	2 and 4 Fri.
185	Midway.....	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	" 16, '90	A. R. McDonald.....	F. J. Miller.....	H. C. Hanford.....	J. D. McFarlane.....	2 and 4 Mon.
186	Ioula.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 16, '90	A. R. Matheson.....	J. R. Matheson.....	Thos. F. Smith.....	E. T. Schneider.....	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcona.....	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	" 16, '90	Geo. Mumford.....	Frank Spurbeck.....	Geo. H. Spurbeck.....	A. L. Gilles.....	2 and 4 Wed.
188	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors.....	Two Harbors.....	" 16, '90	W. W. Fraser.....	Frank Spurbeck.....	Geo. H. Spurbeck.....	A. H. Helleson.....	2 and 4 Tus.
189	Traverse.....	Traverse.....	Traverse.....	" 15, '91	E. D. Parker.....	Joseph C. Henry.....	Chas. H. Benham.....	G. F. Kuhles.....	1 and 3 Tus.
190	St. Paul.....	Dakota.....	Dakota.....	" 15, '91	L. N. Bryant.....	E. C. Shibley.....	W. P. Gee.....	R. A. T. Richmond.....	1 and 3 Tus.
191	Minneapolis.....	Kandiyohi.....	Kandiyohi.....	" 15, '91	J. H. Stauffer.....	O. T. Noble.....	A. W. Morris.....	Geo. Carlisle.....	1 and 3 Sat.
192	New London.....	Blue Earth.....	Blue Earth.....	" 15, '91	D. B. Norton.....	J. W. Funk.....	M. C. Willford.....	W. H. Reed.....	2 and 4 Tus.
193	Crow River.....	Fillmore.....	Fillmore.....	" 15, '91	Geo. S. Humphrey.....	S. F. Dusterloft.....	A. Eugene Kinne.....	S. M. McIntosh.....	1 and 3 Wed.
194	Canton.....	Renville.....	Renville.....	" 15, '91	W. P. Chum.....	R. Paull.....	S. B. Brown.....	Chas. O. Hill.....	1 and 3 Tus.
195	Madison.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	Edward Elston.....	L. A. Barnes.....	Wm. Simpson.....	Sam. Owens.....	1 Tus.
196	Vermilion.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	Jay Henry Long.....	Wm. B. Stine.....	Wm. Simpson.....	N. C. Kingsbury.....	1 and 3 Wed.
197	Enfield.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	Jul. Westinghouse.....	E. F. Dotson.....	Alvin H. Day.....	Harry Morell.....	2 and 4 Sat.
198	St. Louis.....	Murray.....	Murray.....	" 15, '91	John Holme.....	M. H. Silvernale.....	Otis Fox.....	Oscar Erickson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
199	Springfield.....	Goodhue.....	Goodhue.....	" 14, '92	C. M. Anderson.....	Wm. H. Coons.....	H. H. Blinn.....	H. H. Blinn.....	1 and 3 Sat.
200	Kenyon.....	Dakota.....	Dakota.....	" 14, '92	E. G. Lenton.....	Frank Andrews.....	Chas. W. Paige.....	S. A. Anderson, Jr.....	2 and 4 Sat.
201	Venus.....	Olmsted.....	Olmsted.....	" 14, '93	J. N. Taylor.....	S. S. King.....	A. O. Anderson.....	S. A. Anderson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
202	Stearnsville.....	Pinestone.....	Pinestone.....	" 14, '93	L. R. Thurston.....	Wm. Bushnell.....	Andrew Rae.....	E. E. Parker.....	2 and 4 Wed.
203	St. Elmo.....	Hennepin.....	Hennepin.....	" 12, '93	Albert Kaiser.....	Fred O. Stibley.....	Saver S. Stadsvald.....	H. L. Boomhower.....	1 and 3 Tus.
204	Wayzata.....	Polk.....	Polk.....	" 12, '93	E. E. Daniels.....	Fred O. Stibley.....	Wm. F. Frier.....	Harold F. Mark.....	2 and 4 Tus.
205	Fessenden.....	Todd.....	Todd.....	" 12, '93	Fred A. King.....	Edward A. Kremer.....	De E. Tull.....	John D. Martin.....	1 and 3 Tus.
206	Centennial.....	Itasca.....	Itasca.....	" 12, '93	Fred A. King.....	Edward A. Kremer.....	Hubert D. Powers.....	Walter V. Fuller.....	1 and 3 Fri.
207	Grand Rapids.....	Sibley.....	Sibley.....	" 11, '94	John F. Hunnison.....	John L. Gessell.....	H. A. Sauer.....	C. A. Benson.....	1 and 3 Fri.
208	Winthrop.....	Big Stone.....	Big Stone.....	" 11, '94	C. F. Hunnison.....	E. A. Thomas.....	Geo. W. Mattison.....	James Findley.....	1 and 3 Tus.
209	Columbian.....	Graceville.....	Graceville.....	" 11, '94	Elmer C. Yetter.....	W. A. Douglass.....	Jacob Bryntson.....	W. H. Vallancey.....	1 and 3 Wed.
210	Shiboleth.....	Atkins.....	Atkins.....	" 17, '95	F. M. Shook.....	James K. Wilson.....	Nels P. Lundgren.....	Chas. C. Sharpless.....	Every Friday
211	Hallcock.....	Atkins.....	Atkins.....	" 17, '95	Chas. W. Webb.....	Ole Kron.....	Chas. Van Cappelan.....	Frank E. Seavey.....	Every Friday
212	Myrtle.....	Douglas.....	Douglas.....	" 17, '95	H. L. Melgaard.....	Henry A. Green.....	James Foreman.....	E. H. Webb.....	2 and 4 Tus.
213	Argyle.....	Yellow Med.....	Yellow Med.....	" 16, '96	C. H. Child.....	Geo. H. Garner.....	Henry Howard.....	O. L. Melgaard.....	1 and 3 Tus.
214	Florence.....	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	" 16, '96	Edwin D. Trudgen.....	L. W. Leighton.....	Fred Naylor.....	Wm. A. Hauck.....	2 and 4 Mon.
215	Capital City.....	Dassel.....	Dassel.....	" 16, '96	Isaac Vervallen.....		L. Pancake.....	Chas. Mitchell.....	1 and 3 Tus.
216	Griswold.....							B. E. Sherwin.....	1 and 3 Mon.

* Saturday preceding full moon.
 + Saturday on or before full moon.

† Wednesday in week moon fulls.
 § Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.

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															For 1895.	Paid Grand Secretary.
1	St. Johns.....	181	5	9	3	...	6	9	3	15	...	1	19	171	\$77.80	\$77.80
2	Catact.....	350	12	12	12	2	4	18	6	...	...	8	14	354	169.60	169.60
3	St. Paul.....	319	15	13	11	2	3	16	11	3	...	4	18	317	159.40	159.40
4	Henneph.....	503	16	17	20	...	10	30	6	1	...	6	13	520	249.00	249.00
5	Ancient Landmark.....	503	16	16	20	2	8	26	11	9	...	8	28	501	238.00	238.00
6	Dakota.....	106	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	1	2	106	42.80	42.80
7	Red Wing.....	95	4	2	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	1	3	95	43.00	43.00
8	Farbault.....	131	4	5	3	4	2	9	9	5	...	1	11	139	60.00	60.00
9	Mantoville.....	53	6	6	6	2	1	15	3	...	...	1	6	59	37.20	37.20
11	Mankato.....	119	12	11	10	...	4	15	5	3	...	1	7	125	78.20	78.20
12	Wapahosa.....	78	2	4	4	...	4	4	2	3	...	2	6	138	30.60	30.60
14	Monticello.....	69	4	4	4	...	...	4	2	4	...	...	6	75	36.80	36.80
16	Hokah.....	41	2	4	4	...	...	4	1	4	...	...	6	67	19.20	19.20
17	Winona.....	220	9	9	9	...	4	13	1	5	...	5	10	223	110.20	110.20
18	Minneapolis.....	745	19	25	50	1	36	87	15	9	...	9	29	803	439.40	439.40
19	Caledonia.....	47	2	2	4	...	1	5	3	...	...	...	3	49	24.80	24.80
20	Rochester.....	151	1	2	2	1	...	3	1	...	...	4	5	149	63.40	63.40
21	Pleasant Grove.....	46	4	4	3	...	6	10	1	1	...	3	4	45	26.60	26.60
22	North Star.....	140	4	4	3	1	...	3	1	1	1Ex	4	6	144	63.80	63.80
23	Wilton.....	37	1	2	2	...	1	3	2	...	...	...	2	38	14.20	14.20
24	Western Star.....	118	6	5	2	2	1	4	3	...	...	1	2	137	62.60	62.60
26	Blue Earth Valley.....	59	2	3	3	...	1	4	1	7	...	...	1	56	38.80	38.80
27	Clear Water.....	50	4	4	3	...	1	5	...	...	...	1	1	54	30.80	30.80
28	Morning Star.....	41	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	42	16.00	16.00
29	Anoka.....	156	6	5	5	...	3	8	3	4	...	1	8	156	74.80	74.80
30	King Hiram.....	39	3	3	3	...	2	3	3	1	...	3	8	36	22.40	22.40
31	Sakatah.....	79	3	3	4	1	3	3	4	4	...	2	10	77	35.40	35.40
32	Star in the East.....	93	3	2	2	...	2	2	2	4	...	...	...	98	44.20	44.20
33	Oriental.....	51	3	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	51	24.80	24.80
34	Mount Moriah.....	77	...	...	...	3	2	2	3	...	...	2	...	77	28.00	28.00
35	Preston.....	101	1	4	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	103	46.20	46.20
36	Mystic Tie.....	48	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	47	18.40	18.40
37	Washington.....	44	2	2	3	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	2	45	23.80	23.80

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39	Fidelity	161	12	9	11	1	4	16	2	...	...	4	6	171	\$94.00	\$94.00
40	Cardinal	89	5	2	2	1	2	4	4	...	...	1	3	90	40.40	40.40
41	Hamon	61	2	4	5	...	...	5	1	...	...	1	3	62	36.40	36.40
42	Hopewell	75	4	3	3	...	...	3	3	1	...	2	3	70	36.80	36.80
43	Hopewell	51	3	3	3	...	...	3	3	4	...	1	3	51	27.40	27.40
44	King Solomon	60	8	4	4	...	2	6	3	...	...	...	3	63	39.80	39.80
45	Union	72	1	5	4	...	...	6	3	...	...	...	3	72	30.80	30.80
46	Evergreen	30	6	1	1	...	...	6	2	...	...	...	3	33	28.40	28.40
47	Concord	84	3	3	6	...	...	8	1	1	...	1	3	35	21.00	21.00
48	Social	87	13	3	14	...	7	21	2	1	...	1	1	106	75.00	75.00
49	Rising Sun	118	16	6	15	1	5	11	...	...	...	1	1	128	63.00	63.00
50	Watertown	29	1	1	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	3	32	15.80	15.80
51	Acacia	40	1	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	3	39	16.60	16.60
52	Cannon River	45	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	1	4	42	18.20	18.20
53	Nicollet	98	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	96	51.00	51.00
54	Zion	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	46	17.00	17.00
55	Mendian	157	8	7	6	...	2	8	...	...	...	3	3	162	81.80	81.80
56	Blue Earth City	68	6	6	6	...	1	5	1	...	...	1	3	74	43.00	43.00
57	Spring Valley	97	2	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	1	1	95	42.20	42.20
58	Temple	92	2	2	2	...	...	4	4	...	...	2	2	86	38.40	38.40
59	Star in the West	86	3	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	...	5	85	38.20	38.20
60	Ashler	59	3	5	...	...	2	4	1	...	...	...	2	62	35.00	35.00
61	Star	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	44	17.40	17.40
62	Illustrations	64	2	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	64	30.80	30.80
63	Chain Lake	91	10	8	10	...	3	11	1	...	...	1	3	100	60.80	60.80
64	Golden Rule	25	2	2	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	1	3	23	12.00	12.00
65	Madella	34	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	12.80	12.80
66	Corinthian	43	1	1	1	...	4	6	3	1	...	1	4	45	18.20	18.20
67	Mystic Star	57	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	56	25.40	25.40
68	Paynesville	52	4	4	4	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	1	53	32.00	32.00
69	Lansing	27	2	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	28	16.40	16.40
70	Browsville	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	53	8.00	8.00
71	Eureka	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	23.80	23.80
72	Joppa	38	5	5	2	1	1	7	5	...	...	...	3	41	29.00	29.00

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125	Josephus	45	3	5	9		3	6						54	\$32.00	\$32.00
126	Swift	46		1	1			1	3	2			5	42	17.60	17.60
127	Aucturus	33												42	12.40	12.40
130	Alma	54	.....	2	1	5	.....	.....	4	2	.....	2	8	53	22.60	22.60
132	Humboldt	32	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	15.80	15.80
133	Golden Sheaf	81	6	6	6	.....	1	.....	1	3	.....	.....	4	84	30.00	30.00
134	Okato	53	6	7	.....	.....	.....	1	11	5	.....	.....	16	42	31.00	31.00
135	Nelson	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	14.80	14.80
136	Walnut	11	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	2	5	.....	.....	2	10	6.20	6.20
137	Appleton	74	4	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	36.00	36.00
138	Orion	45	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	30.60	30.60
139	Verdale	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	11.80	11.80
140	Little Falls	77	11	11	12	.....	5	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	62	44.00	44.00
141	Crookston	87	19	14	19	1	2	22	3	.....	.....	.....	12	97	39.00	39.00
142	Currie	19	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	7.80	7.80
143	Lakeview	59	.....	5	5	.....	2	3	4	1	.....	.....	4	58	22.00	22.00
144	Bird Island	23	.....	4	4	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	2	26	22.60	22.60
146	Benton	46	3	4	4	.....	3	6	1	.....	1	.....	2	50	27.80	27.80
147	Canby	37	2	7	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	33.40	33.40
148	Quarry	74	3	3	3	.....	2	3	6	4	.....	1	8	71	34.40	34.40
149	Guardian	34	3	3	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	22.20	22.20
150	Warren	54	4	4	4	.....	.....	3	11	.....	.....	.....	1	45	28.40	28.40
151	Chaska	34	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	16.60	16.60
152	Frontier	56	6	5	4	1	.....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	36.20	36.20
153	Kodahya	36	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	21.40	21.40
154	Norman	29	5	4	2	1	2	5	1	2	.....	.....	3	31	20.60	20.60
155	Tracy	62	4	4	3	.....	4	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	30.40	30.40
156	Wadena	66	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	4	8	.....	.....	17	53	24.60	24.60
157	Perham	31	11	9	9	.....	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40.60	40.60
158	Hector	30	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	15.20	15.20
159	Long Prairie	40	16	8	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	48.40	48.40
160	Plymouth	143	10	7	8	1	4	13		1				155	81.80	81.80
161	Sincerity	30	1	1	1			1	2	1				25	11.80	11.80
162	Prescott	37							1			1	2	35	14.00	14.00

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															For 1894.	Paid Grand Secretary.
210	Columbian.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	\$9.60	\$9.60
211	Friendship.....	16	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	18.00	18.00
212	Hallack.....	15	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	17.60	17.60
213	Mystic.....	17	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	19.80	19.80
214	Evansville.....	18	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	14.30	14.30
215	Alexia.....	18	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	29.30	29.30
U D	Florence.....	14	6	12	11	7	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	11	37.00	37.00
U D	Capital City.....	7	7	7	7	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	7	21.00	21.00
U D	Griswold.....	5	5	4	4	4	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	13.00	13.00
	Totals	14,578	923	881	867	50	328	1,245	398	178	16	166	758	15,065	\$8,125.60	\$8,079.80

*1 Expelled.

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID. (Receipt.)
C. L. Brown, M. W. G. M.....	\$6.30	\$6.00	\$12.30	C. L. Brown.
J. F. Lawless, D. G. M.....		6.00	6.00	J. F. Lawless.
A. T. Stebbins, S. G. W.....	3.65	6.00	9.65	A. T. Stebbins.
A. Brandenburg, J. G. W.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	A. Brandenburg.
J. H. Thompson, G. Treas.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Thompson.
Thos. Montgomery, G. Sec.....		6.00	6.00	Thos. Montgomery.
Robert Forbes, G. Orator.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	Robert Forbes.
L. D. Boynton, G. Chaplain.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	L. D. Boynton.
Wm. C. Covey, S. G. D.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. E. Covey.
Geo. H. Munro, G. Marshal.....	6.35	6.00	12.35	Geo. H. Munro.
M. McFadden, G. St. B.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	M. McFadden.
Frank G. Handy, G. Sw. B.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	F. G. Handy.
O. L. Cutter, J. G. Steward.....	1.75	6.00	7.75	O. L. Cutter.
John S. Chapman, G. Pursuivant.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	J. S. Chapman.
J. C. Fischer, G. Tyler.....		6.00	6.00	J. C. Fischer.
PERMANENT MEMBERS.				
C. W. Nash, P. G. M.....	.50	6.00	6.50	C. W. Nash.
C. Griswold, P. G. M.....		6.00	6.00	C. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.....	1.00	6.00	7.00	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M.....		6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	R. H. Gove.
J. A. Klester, P. G. M.....	5.00	6.00	11.00	J. A. Klester.
A. Barto, P. G. M.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	A. Barto.
W. F. Dickinson, P. G. M.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	W. F. Dickinson.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.....	3.20	6.00	9.20	Geo. H. Davis.
C. L. West, P. D. G. M.....	3.95	6.00	9.95	C. L. West.
Thomas Lombard, P. S. G. W.....	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. Lombard.
S. E. Adams, P. S. G. W.....	.50	6.00	6.50	S. E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.....	.50	6.00	6.50	E. Nash.
L. Z. Rogers, P. S. G. W.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	L. Z. Rogers.
Chas. D. Boyce, P. S. G. W.....	.50	6.00	6.50	C. D. Boyce.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	E. P. Barnum.
Albert Marden, P. J. G. W.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	Albert Marden.
J. D. Markham, P. J. G. W.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	J. D. Markham.
W. B. Patton, P. J. G. W.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. B. Patton.
Wm. Lee, P. J. G. W.....	.80	6.00	6.80	Wm. Lee.
H. C. Shepard, P. J. G. W.....	4.05	6.00	10.05	H. C. Shepard.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
A. D. Countryman.....	6.20	12.00	18.20	A. D. Countryman.
L. R. Barto.....	4.70	9.00	13.70	L. R. Barto.
O. C. Hanson.....	6.80	9.00	15.80	O. C. Hanson.
	\$132.7	\$253.00	\$384.70	

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1	St. Johns.....	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	T. H. Warren.
2	Catawact	.50	6.00	6.50	C. B. Leonard.
3	St. Paul.....		6.00	6.00	A. Christie.
4	Hennepin	.50	6.00	6.50	Chas. J. Bevan.
5	Ancient Landmark.....	.....	6.00	6.00	John S. Pinney.
7	Dakota	.80	6.00	6.80	C. W. Munroe.
8	Red Wing.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	H. J. Herder.
9	Faribault	2.10	6.00	8.10	W. B. Hawley.
11	Mantorville	3.45	6.00	9.45	J. M. F. Cooper.
12	Mankato	3.15	6.00	9.15	Clark Keysor.
14	Wapahasa	2.80	6.00	8.80	M. W. Dady.
16	Monticello	2.20	6.00	8.20	E. H. Sherwin.
17	Hokah	5.30	6.00	11.30	L. T. Lyon.
18	Winona	4.05	6.00	10.05	E. Stott.
19	Minneapolis	.50	6.00	6.50	Henry R. Adams.
20	Caledonia.....	6.60	6.00	12.60	W. G. Drowley.
21	Rochester	3.70	6.00	9.70	W. W. Churchill.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	8.00	6.00	14.00	A. F. Reese.
23	North Star.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	J. C. Munro.
24	Wilton.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	Geo. Hofield.
26	Western Star.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	F. M. Crane.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	J. H. Finch.
28	Clear Water.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	C. D. Whittemore.
29	Morning Star.....	5.05	5.00	11.05	Jos. Robbillard.
30	Anoka	1.75	6.00	7.75	H. D. Hilton.
31	King Hiram.....	1.30	6.00	7.30	E. R. Bristol.
32	Sakatah	2.50	6.00	8.50	H. E. Blair.
33	Star in the East.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	P. J. Rolfe.
34	Oriental	1.60	6.00	7.60	H. B. Conley.
35	Mount Moriah.....	.80	6.00	6.80	W. S. Tuttle.
36	Preston	6.00	6.00	2.00	H. E. Wertz.
37	Mystic Tie.....	3.00	6.00	19.00	Chas. Parm.
38	Washington	2.55	6.00	8.55	D. C. Gardener.
39	Fidelity	3.95	6.00	9.95	A. C. Page.
40	Carnellian	3.50	6.00	9.50	L. S. Lutz.
41	Hermion	2.70	6.00	8.70	E. Woodbury.
42	Hope	2.45	6.00	8.45	W. C. Russell.
43	Harmony	4.15	6.00	0.15	Lewis J. Baldwin.
44	King Solomon.....	1.10	6.00	17.10	Isaac Lincoln.
45	Union	2.50	6.00	8.50	Otto Schleuder.
46	Evergreen.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	A. Farnsworth.
47	Concord.....	3.75	6.00	8.75	J. W. Chambers.
48	Social	1.55	6.00	7.55	John S. Way.
49	Rising Sun	4.40	6.00	10.40	A. Hendee.
50	Watertown.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	W. St. John.
51	Acacia	1.00	6.00	7.00	J. A. McHattie.
53	Cannon River.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	Fred Osterhaug.
54	Nicollet.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	W. H. Hall.
55	Zion	1.75	6.00	7.75	Geo. W. Seymour.
56	Meridian.....	5.15	6.00	11.15	Jos. Underlenk.
57	Blue Earth City.....	5.00	5.00	11.00	J. H. Sprout.
58	Spring Valley.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	B. F. Farmer.
59	Temple	2.35	6.00	8.35	W. W. Sivright.
60	Star in the West.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	C. S. Allen.
61	Ashler	4.20	6.00	10.20	Geo. L. Wood.
62	Star	2.10	6.00	8.10	F. H. Johnson.
63	Illustrious	4.80	6.00	10.80	F. A. Wells.
64	Chain Lake.....	8.00	6.00	14.00	V. Wohlhuter.
65	Golden Rule.....	1.15	6.00	7.15	O. F. Thomas.
66	Madelia	6.20	6.00	12.20	J. E. Haycraft.
67	Corinthian	1.10	6.00	7.10	J. M. D. Craft.
69	Mystic Star.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	N. H. Tofsted.
71	Paynesville	5.00	5.00	11.00	Fred Harper.
72	Lansing	3.80	6.00	9.80	H. R. Soule.
73	Browsville.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	C. D. See.
75	Eureka	4.50	6.00	10.50	Geo. W. Palmer.
76	Joppa	4.00	6.00	10.00	Lysander Cook.
77	Tuscan	3.10	6.00	9.10	S. Swenson.
78	Mystic Circle.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	W. A. Vance.
79	Palestine	5.70	6.00	11.70	Ellsworth Benham.

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NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILE-AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
81	Constellation	\$5.60	\$6.00	\$11.60	O. J. Robard.
82	Howard	1.85	6.00	7.85	Wm. Lossing.
83	Huram Abl.	3.10	6.00	9.10	J. G. Wheeler.
84	Orient	2.00	6.00	8.00	A. G. Larson.
85	High Forest.....	9.20	6.00	15.20	F. E. Dean.
86	Tyrian	3.95	6.00	9.95	E. W. Hall.
87	Doric	5.50	6.00	11.50	J. A. Johnson.
89	Golden Fleece.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	M. E. Baum.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	Alex Fiddes.
91	Antiquity	4.85	6.00	10.85	O. L. Dornberg.
92	Fraternal	2.40	6.00	8.40	Guy Ewing.
93	Unity	3.15	6.00	9.15	L. L. Sartell.
94	Keystone	4.30	6.00	10.30	Jesse Palmer.
95	Sherburne	1.60	6.00	7.60	W. F. Chadbourn.
96	Libanus	4.65	6.00	10.65	G. W. Hiles.
97	Prudence	6.00	6.00	12.00	W. Adelbert Smith.
98	Charity	4.15	6.00	10.15	Jos. A. Eckstein.
99	Corner Stone.....	7.50	6.00	13.50	John T. Johnson.
100	Aurora	5.50	6.00	11.50	G. F. Mitchell.
101	Fraternity	6.90	6.00	12.90	B. F. Thurber.
103	Bethel	3.70	6.00	9.70	E. C. Hamlin.
104	Sharon	4.10	6.00	10.10	J. A. Sanderson.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	H. H. Jacobs.
108	Relief	2.90	6.00	8.90	G. W. Ballard.
109	Sunset	5.35	6.00	11.35	Chas. E. Barber.
110	Pickwick.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	J. M. Rutherford.
111	Carver	1.70	6.00	7.70	Geo. C. E. Goetze.
112	Khurum	.50	6.00	6.50	A. J. Switzer.
113	Excelsior	1.60	6.00	7.60	C. O. Woodruff.
114	Ben. Franklin.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	J. P. Hong.
115	Elgin	4.65	6.00	10.65	J. W. Bryant.
116	Lafayette	4.10	6.00	10.10	J. B. Graves.
117	Granite	5.20	6.00	11.20	J. K. Stone.
118	Newport	.50	6.00	6.50	J. Q. Mackintosh.
119	Delta	6.00	6.00	12.00	O. E. Maxwell.
121	Grand Meadow.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	G. W. Day.
122	Kellogg	3.05	6.00	9.05	H. W. Canfield.
123	Prairie	3.40	6.00	9.40	A. S. Hancock.
124	Janesville	3.45	6.00	9.45	D. J. Dodge.
125	Whinslow Lewis.....	1.40	6.00	7.40	G. M. Henry.
126	Moorhead	14.00	6.00	20.00	F. H. Peterson.
128	Josephus	3.90	6.00	9.90	J. F. Emerson.
129	Swift	5.30	6.00	11.30	L. J. Lageson.
130	Arcturus.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	A. H. Allen.
131	Alma	4.40	6.00	10.40	F. B. Losey.
132	Humboldt	2.00	6.00	8.00	A. Jackson.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	J. W. Eddy.
134	Cokato	2.35	6.00	8.35	Manser Johnson.
135	Nelson	2.40	6.00	8.40	O. O. Bushnell.
137	Appleton	6.00	6.00	12.00	J. S. Ewers.
138	Orion	3.60	6.00	9.60	E. A. D. Salter.
139	Vermale	5.80	6.00	11.80	C. E. Bullard.
140	Little Falls.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	L. D. Brown.
141	Crookston	11.70	6.00	17.70	Thos. Morris.
142	Currie	1.80	6.00	7.80	Neil Currie.
143	Lakeview	7.05	6.00	13.05	J. Van Alen.
144	Bird Island.....	5.30	6.00	11.30	J. H. Feeter.
146	Benton	7.95	6.00	13.95	C. W. Stites.
147	Canby	7.15	6.00	13.15	J. P. Lester.
148	Quarry	7.65	6.00	13.65	Geo. W. Nash.
149	Guardian	2.85	6.00	8.85	E. G. Padden.
150	Warren	12.50	6.00	18.50	J. P. Easton.
151	Chaska	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. C. Odell.
152	Frontier	8.55	6.00	14.55	Geo. L. Bonney.
153	Kodahya	9.40	6.00	15.40	Frank Campbell.
154	Norman	9.65	6.00	15.65	Louis Hintze.
155	Tracy	5.95	6.00	11.95	F. S. Brown.
156	Wadena	6.35	6.00	12.35	L. B. Coon.
157	Perham	9.20	6.00	15.20	A. Marckel.
158	Hector	3.60	6.00	9.60	H. A. Reed.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	MILE-AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
159	Long Prairie.....	\$5.40	\$5.00	\$11.40	A. M. Darling.
160	Plymouth	.50	6.00	6.50	J. Chadwick.
161	Sincerity	5.30	6.00	11.30	W. R. Holly.
162	Prescott	7.05	6.00	13.05	W. H. Townsend.
163	Summit .....	.....	6.00	6.00	Jas. E. Orme.
164	Jasper	2.50	6.00	8.50	J. D. Hoar.
165	Minnebaha	.50	6.00	6.50	E. H. Abbott.
166	Garnet	.50	6.00	6.50	D. Hanna.
168	Braden .....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. W. Eddy.
169	Pierson	8.30	6.00	14.30	Frank D. Bell.
170	Fulda	7.70	6.00	13.70	John Hyslop.
171	Shekinah .....	.....	6.00	6.00	V. J. Hawkins.
172	Marletta	6.80	6.00	12.80	Beecher Fream.
173	Plumb Line	2.90	6.00	8.90	J. W. Baker.
174	Valley	5.35	6.00	11.35	O. J. Nelson.
175	Roman Eagle.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	C. W. Becker.
176	Ark	.50	6.00	6.50	H. R. Scott.
177	Rough Ashler.....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. E. Chamberlain.
178	Anchor	3.85	6.00	9.85	Geo. E. Putney.
179	King David.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	S. H. Taylor.
180	Osnick	5.25	6.00	11.25	J. H. Rock.
181	Dalles	5.50	6.00	11.50	H. B. Allen.
182	Fair Haven.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	W. S. Huntington.
183	Shel'	7.35	6.00	13.35	J. W. Blood.
185	Midway .....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. Pentacost.
186	Ionic	5.70	6.00	11.70	F. W. Kugler.
187	Arcana	.50	6.00	6.50	Dan C. Brown.
188	Fortitude	6.95	6.00	12.95	Geo. Munford.
189	Traverse	8.20	6.00	14.20	S. W. Frasier.
190	Trilune .....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. D. Parker.
191	Mizpah .....	.....	6.00	6.00	L. W. Bryant.
194	Canton	7.40	6.00	13.40	D. B. Norton.
195	Renville	4.55	6.00	10.55	G. S. Humphrey.
196	Geneva	6.80	6.00	12.80	C. D. Obrecht.
198	Euclid	5.80	6.00	11.80	E. Elstein.
199	Murray	7.20	6.00	13.20	A. H. Day.
200	Zenith	5.20	6.00	11.20	J. Westinghouse.
201	Kenyon	3.75	6.00	9.75	John Holme.
202	Venus	3.60	6.00	9.60	C. M. Anderson.
203	Stewartville	6.40	6.00	12.40	W. L. Humason.
204	St. Elmo.....	4.40	6.00	10.40	Andrew Rae.
207	Crescent.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	E. E. Daniels.
208	Itasca	8.40	6.00	14.40	H. D. Powers.
209	Sibley	3.00	6.00	9.00	J. A. E. Johnson.
210	Columbian.....	3.00	6.00	9.00	J. F. Humaston.
211	Friendship.....	7.35	6.00	13.35	C. N. Slawson.
212	Hallock	11.60	6.00	17.60	E. C. Yetter.
213	Mystic	6.50	6.00	12.50	F. M. Shook.
214	Evansville.....	6.40	6.00	12.40	O. Kron.
215	Argyle	13.60	6.00	19.60	Thos. Clark.
Totals		\$940.20	\$1,892.00	\$2,832.20	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Good Faith.....	90	Orion.....	138
Anoka.....	30	Granite.....	117	Osakis.....	180
Ancua.....	51	Grand Meadow.....	121	Pleasant Grove.....	22
Ashler.....	61	Griswold.....	218	Preston.....	36
Antiquity.....	91	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Paynesville.....	71
Aurora.....	100	Guardian.....	149	Palestine.....	79
Arcturus.....	130	Garnet.....	166	Prudence.....	97
Alma.....	131	Geneva.....	196	Pickwick.....	110
Appleton.....	137	Hennepin.....	4	Prairie.....	123
Agate.....	167	Hokah.....	17	Perham.....	157
Ark.....	176	Hermon.....	41	Plymouth.....	160
Anchor.....	178	Hope.....	42	Prescott.....	162
Arcana.....	187	Harmony.....	43	Pierson.....	169
Amboy.....	193	Henderson.....	80	Plumb Line.....	173
Argyle.....	215	Howard.....	82	Quarry.....	148
Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Hiram Abl.....	83	Red Wing.....	8
Blue Earth City.....	57	High Forest.....	85	Rochester.....	21
Brownsville.....	73	Humboldt.....	132	Rising Sun.....	49
Bethel.....	103	Hector.....	158	Relief.....	108
Ben Franklin.....	114	Hailcock.....	212	Roman Eagle.....	175
Bird Island.....	144	Illustrious.....	65	Rough Ashler.....	117
Benton.....	146	Ionie.....	186	Kenville.....	195
Braden.....	168	Itasca.....	208	St. Johns.....	1
Cataract.....	2	Joppa.....	76	St. Paul.....	3
Caledonia.....	20	Janessville.....	124	Sakatah.....	32
Clearwater.....	28	Josephus.....	128	Star in the East.....	33
Carmelian.....	40	Jasper.....	164	Social.....	48
Concord.....	47	King Hiram.....	31	Spring Valley.....	58
Cannon River.....	52	King Solomon.....	44	Star in the West.....	60
Chain Lake.....	64	Keystone.....	94	Star.....	62
Corinthian.....	67	Khurum.....	112	Sherburne.....	35
Constellation.....	81	Kellogg.....	122	Sharon.....	104
Charity.....	98	Kodahya.....	153	Sunset.....	109
Corner Stone.....	99	King David.....	179	Swift.....	129
Capital City.....	217	Kenyon.....	201	Sincerity.....	161
Carver.....	111	Lansing.....	72	Summit.....	163
Cokato.....	134	Libanus.....	96	Shekinah.....	171
Crookston.....	141	Lebanon.....	102	Shell.....	184
Currie.....	142	Lafayette.....	116	Stewartville.....	203
Canby.....	147	Lakeview.....	143	St. Elmo.....	204
Chaska.....	151	Little Falls.....	140	Sibley.....	209
Crow River.....	192	Long Prairie.....	159	Temple.....	59
Canton.....	194	Mantorville.....	11	Tuscan.....	77
Crescent.....	207	Mankato.....	12	Tyrian.....	86
Columbian.....	210	Monticello.....	16	Tracy.....	155
Dakota.....	7	Minneapolis.....	19	Traverse.....	189
Doric.....	87	Morning Star.....	29	Truene.....	190
Delta.....	119	Mount Hermon.....	U. D.	Union.....	45
Dalles.....	181	Mount Moriah.....	35	Unity.....	93
Evergreen.....	46	Mystic Tie.....	37	Venus.....	202
Eureka.....	75	Meridian.....	56	Verndale.....	139
Excelsior.....	113	Madella.....	66	Valley.....	174
Elgin.....	115	Mystic Star.....	69	Vermillion.....	197
Euclid.....	198	Mystic Circle.....	78	Wapahasa.....	14
Evansville.....	214	Mount Tabor.....	106	Winona.....	18
Faribault.....	9	Moorhead.....	126	Wilton.....	24
Fidelity.....	39	Minnehaha.....	185	Western Star.....	28
Florence.....	216	Marietta.....	172	Washington.....	38
Fraternal.....	92	Midway.....	185	Watertown.....	59
Fraternity.....	101	Milzpah.....	191	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Frontier.....	152	Murray.....	198	Waubesa.....	136
Fulda.....	170	North Star.....	23	Warren.....	150
Fair Haven.....	182	Nicollet.....	54	Wadena.....	156
Fortitude.....	188	Newport.....	118	Wayzata.....	205
Fosston.....	206	Nelson.....	185	Zion.....	55
Friendship.....	211	Norman.....	164	Zenith.....	200
Golden Rule.....	65	Oriental.....	34		
Golden Fleece.....	89	Orient.....	84		

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Ada.....	Norman.....	154	Granite Falls.....	Granite.....	117
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle.....	175	Hallock.....	Hallock.....	212
Aitkin.....	Mystic.....	213	Hancock.....	Mt. Hermon.....	U.D.
Albert Lea.....	Western Star.....	26	Hastings.....	Dakota.....	7
Alexandria.....	Constellation.....	81	Hastings.....	Mt. Moriah.....	35
Alma City.....	Wilton.....	24	Hector.....	Hector.....	158
Amboy.....	Amboy.....	193	Henderson.....	Henderson.....	80
Anoka.....	Anoka.....	30	Henderson.....	Prescott.....	162
Appleton.....	Appleton.....	137	Heron Lake.....	Columbian.....	210
Argyle.....	Argyle.....	215	High Forest.....	High Forest.....	85
Atwater.....	Orion.....	138	Hokah.....	Hokah.....	17
Austin.....	Fidelity.....	39	Houston.....	Mystic Circle.....	78
Barnesville.....	Pierson.....	169	Howard.....	Howard.....	82
Belle Plaine.....	Rough Ashler.....	177	Hutchinson.....	Temple.....	59
Benson.....	Swift.....	129	Jackson.....	Good Faith.....	90
Bird Island.....	Bird Island.....	144	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	124
Blooming Prairie.....	Prairie.....	123	Jasper.....	St. Elmo.....	204
Blue Earth City.....	Blue Earth City.....	57	Jordan.....	King Hiram.....	31
Brainerd.....	Aurora.....	100	Kasson.....	Hiram Abl.....	83
Breckenridge.....	Frontier.....	152	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	122
Browns Valley.....	Kodahya.....	153	Kenyon.....	Kenyon.....	201
Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	73	La Crescent.....	Morning Star.....	29
Brownsdale.....	Lafayette.....	116	Lake Benton.....	Benton.....	146
Brownston.....	Guardian.....	149	Lake City.....	Carnellian.....	47
Buffalo.....	Nelson.....	135	Lake Crystal.....	Bethel.....	103
Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	20	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule.....	65
Campbell.....	Agate.....	167	Lancaster.....	Lebanon.....	102
Canby.....	Canby.....	147	Lansing.....	Lansing.....	72
Cannon Falls.....	Oriental.....	34	Le Roy.....	Eureka.....	75
Canton.....	Canton.....	194	Le Sueur.....	Union.....	45
Carver.....	Carver.....	111	Lewiston.....	Harmony.....	43
Chaska.....	Chaska.....	151	Litchfield.....	Golden Fleece.....	89
Chatfield.....	Meridian.....	53	Little Falls.....	Little Falls.....	140
Clear Water.....	Clear Water.....	28	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie.....	159
Cleveland.....	Concord.....	47	Laverne.....	Ben Franklin.....	114
Cloquet.....	Dalles.....	181	Lyle.....	Alma.....	131
Cokato.....	Cokato.....	134	Madella.....	Madella.....	66
Cottage Grove.....	Acacia.....	51	Madison.....	Geneva.....	196
Crookston.....	Crookston.....	141	Maine Prairie.....	Plumb Line.....	173
Currie.....	Currie.....	142	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	12
Dassel.....	Griswold.....	218	Mantorville.....	Mantorville.....	11
Dawson.....	Venus.....	201	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	172
Detroit.....	Mt. Tabor.....	106	Marshall.....	Delta.....	119
Dodge Centre.....	Relief.....	108	Mapleton.....	Josephus.....	128
Duluth.....	Palestine.....	79	Mazepa.....	Tyrian.....	86
Duluth.....	Ionio.....	186	Minneapolis.....	Cataract.....	2
Elgin.....	Elgin.....	115	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	4
Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	95	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	19
Elmore.....	King David.....	179	Minneapolis.....	Khurum.....	112
Evansville.....	Evansville.....	214	Minneapolis.....	Plymouth.....	180
Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	113	Minneapolis.....	Minnehaha.....	165
Eyota.....	Ashler.....	61	Minneapolis.....	Ark.....	176
Fair Haven.....	Fair Haven.....	182	Minneapolis.....	Arcana.....	187
Fairmont.....	Chain Lake.....	61	Money Creek.....	Orient.....	84
Faribault.....	Faribault.....	9	Montevideo.....	Sunset.....	109
Farmington.....	Corinthian.....	67	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	16
Fergus Falls.....	Corner Stone.....	99	Moorhead.....	Moorhead.....	126
Fosston.....	Fosston.....	206	Morris.....	Golden Sheaf.....	133
Fulda.....	Fulda.....	170	Morristown.....	Cannon River.....	52
Glencoe.....	Hope.....	42	New London.....	Crow River.....	192
Glennwood.....	Valley.....	174	Newport.....	Newport.....	118
Good Thunder.....	Joppa.....	76	New Ulm.....	Charity.....	98
Graceville.....	Friendship.....	211	Northfield.....	Social.....	48
Grand Meadow.....	Grand Meadow.....	121	Ortonville.....	Lakeview.....	143
Grand Rapids.....	Itasca.....	98	Oaklis.....	Oaklis.....	180

APPENDIX F.—Continued.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis..	125	St. Paul.....	Summit	163
Owatonna.....	Star in the East..	83	St. Paul.....	Braden	168
Park Rapids.....	Shell	184	St. Paul.....	Shekinah	171
Paynesville.....	Paynesville	71	St. Paul.....	Midway	185
Perham.....	Perham	157	St. Paul.....	Triune	190
Pickwick.....	Pickwick	110	St. Paul.....	Capital City.....	217
Pine Island.....	Mystic Tie.....	37	St. Peter.....	Nicollet	54
Pipestone.....	Quarry	148	Taylor's Falls..	Zion	55
Plainview.....	Illustrious	63	Tower.....	Vermillion	197
Pleasant Grove..	Pleasant Grove..	22	Tracy.....	Tracy	155
Preston.....	Preston	36	Troy.....	Evergreen	46
Princeton.....	Fraternal	93	Two Harbors....	Fortitude	188
Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	8	Verndale.....	Verndale	139
Red Wing.....	Arcturus	130	Villard.....	Sincerity	161
Redwood Falls..	Antiquity	91	Wabasha.....	Wapahasa	14
Renville.....	Renville	195	Wadena.....	Wadena	156
Rochester.....	Rochester	21	Walnut Grove..	Walnut	136
Rockford.....	Star	62	Warren.....	Warren	150
Royalton.....	Anchor	178	Waseca.....	Tuscan	77
Rush City.....	Jasper	164	Watertown.....	Watertown	50
Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	69	Waterville.....	Sakatah	32
Sank Centre.....	Star in the West..	60	Wayzata.....	Wayzata	205
Sauk Rapids.....	Unity	93	Wells.....	Doric	87
Shakopee.....	King Solomon....	44	West Concord....	Washington	38
Slayton.....	Murray	199	West Duluth....	Euclid	168
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone	94	Wheaton.....	Traverse	189
South St. Paul..	Mizpah	191	White Bear.....	Garnet	166
Springfield.....	Zenith	200	Willmar.....	Sharon	104
Spring Valley....	Spring Valley....	58	Windom.....	Prudence	97
Staples.....	Crescent	207	Winnebago City..	Blue Earth Valley.	27
Stewartville....	Stewartville	203	Winona.....	Winona	18
Stillwater.....	St. Johns.....	1	Winthrop.....	Sibley	209
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	Wood Lake.....	Florence	216
St. Cloud.....	North Star.....	23	Worthington....	Fraternity	101
St. James.....	Libanus	96	Young America..	Humboldt	132
St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3	Zumbrota.....	Hermon	41
St. Paul.....	Ancient Landmark	5			

In Memory of

Frank Mantor,

Past Senior Grand Warden, who died

January 18. 1895.

In Memory of the

Distinguished Craftsmen of Other

Jurisdictions

who have died during the past year.

APPENDIX G.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
1	St. Johns.....	Benj. G. Merry.....	Mar. 29, 1895.
2	Cataract.....	Horace Worden.....	Feb. 13, 1895.
		George Davis.....	Feb. 17, 1895.
		Geo. Rutherford.....	July 4, 1895.
		Hason Weeks.....	Sept. 18, 1895.
		T. A. Redgrave.....	Nov. 9, 1895.
		Daniel R. Miller.....	Dec. 17, 1895.
		Samuel Lawrence.....	Dec. 7, 1895.
		John Patterson.....	Dec. 17, 1895.
3	St. Paul.....	Chas. V. Joubert.....	May 22, 1895.
		Geo. N. Cardoza.....	Aug. 17, 1895.
		W. M. Stephen.....	Sept. 18, 1895.
4	Hennepin.....	Jacob Ryder.....	Nov. 1, 1895.
		R. C. Benton.....	Feb. 8, 1895.
		J. G. McIntosh.....	Oct. 11, 1895.
		J. L. Bullard.....	Oct. 29, 1895.
		S. L. Brearley.....	Dec. 8, 1895.
		H. T. Hayward.....	Dec. 11, 1895.
		G. N. Wallers.....	Dec. 20, 1895.
5	Ancient Landmark.	John L. Merriam.....	Jan. 12, 1895.
		Frederick Luhrsen.....	Jan. 31, 1895.
		Chas. Weber.....	April 15, 1895.
		Martin D. Clark.....	May 28, 1895.
		Henry Redpath.....	July 4, 1895.
		Solomon Bergman.....	Aug. 31, 1895.
		Philip Sittman.....	Dec. 11, 1895.
		Frank P. Hancock.....	Dec. 19, 1895.
7	Dakota.....	L. C. Simmons.....	—, 1895.
8	Red Wing.....	Fred George.....	Feb. 6, 1895.
		George Reichart.....	April 5, 1895.
		Peter F. Glardon.....	Oct. 28, 1895.
9	Faribault.....	C. B. Case.....	Sept. 8, 1895.
		Fred Meyers.....	Dec. 23, 1895.
11	Mantorville.....	Frank Mantor.....	Jan. 18, 1895.
12	Mankato.....	Everett P. Freeman.....	Nov. 26, 1895.
14	Wapahasa.....	Roderick D. McKenzie....	Aug. 1, 1895.
		Wm. H. Campbell.....	Dec. 3, 1895.
18	Winona.....	John Dranger.....	Jan. 12, 1895.
		John F. Gerlicher.....	Jan. 30, 1895.
		Moses H. Cornwell.....	June 1, 1895.
		Harmon Waldron.....	July 22, 1895.
		Neville Staughton.....	Sept. 10, 1895.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
19	Minneapolis.....	C. E. Richardson.....	Jan. 5, 1895.
		Leopold Levy.....	Mar. 3, 1895.
		G. H. Leighton.....	June 17, 1895.
		J. F. Horner.....	June 27, 1895.
		Ira W. Haines.....	Sept. 12, 1895.
21	Rochester.....	Geo. Bailly.....	June 27, 1895.
		Henry C. Butler.....	Aug. 25, 1895.
		Chas. H. Burbank.....	Sept. 10, 1895.
		Clarence H. Whited.....	Dec. 11, 1895.
22	Pleasant Grove....	Asahel Nye.....	April 6, 1895.
		James H. Tedmon.....	April 17, 1895.
		R. D. Hathaway.....	Sept. 14, 1895.
23	North Star.....	Josiah E. Whitman.....	Feb. 12, 1895.
		Josiah E. Hayward.....	Mar. 13, 1895.
		Archibald Guthrie.....	Oct. 4, 1895.
		Edwin Capple.....	Nov. 13, 1895.
26	Western Star....	Henry House.....	Jan. 18, 1895.
28	Clearwater.....	William H. Webster.....	Nov. 18, 1895.
30	Anoka.....	Milton Roberts.....	April 28, 1895.
31	King Hiram.....	George B. Read.....	May —, 1895.
		Ezra N. Toucey.....	Sept. —, 1895.
		Henry Varner.....	Oct. —, 1895.
32	Sakatah.....	Robert C. Philbrick.....	April 6, 1895.
		Maurace Sterling.....	May 7, 1895.
34	Oriental.....	Robert Fotherby.....	Jan. 25, 1895.
		Joseph Lee.....	April 20, 1895.
35	Mount Moriah....	J. A. Whitford.....	May 23, 1895.
		J. L. Powers.....	July 18, 1895.
37	Mystic Tie.....	Eugene B. Osbourn.....	April 21, 1895.
		Charles Parker.....	July 4, 1895.
39	Fidelity.....	George Baird.....	Jan. 14, 1895.
		G. S. Hildahl.....	Mar. 7, 1895.
		D. P. Olson.....	April 17, 1895.
		Arthur W. Hawkins.....	May 9, 1895.
40	Carnelian.....	John J. Beatty.....	Feb. 1, 1895.
41	Hermion.....	James F. Hall.....	Mar. 22, 1895.
		Christian J. Gronvold.....	Sept. 15, 1895.
42	Hope.....	Henry W. Albrecht.....	Mar. 12, 1895.
47	Concord.....	Arthur B. French.....	Aug. 26, 1895.
49	Rising Sun.....	Truman T. Stevens.....	Dec. 22, 1895.
51	Acacia.....	Thos. T. Shellenbarger....	Aug. 22, 1895.
52	Cannon River....	George W. Breed.....	April 19, 1895.
		Thomas Chapman.....	Oct. 20, 1895.
54	Nicollet.....	Joseph Wicke.....	Oct. 31, 1895.
55	Zion.....	Noah M. Humphrey.....	Feb. 4, 1895.
56	Meridian.....	Edgar E. Blakeslee.....	Jan. 16, 1895.
		L. F. Lombard.....	June 16, 1895.
		H. A. Holmes.....	June 17, 1895.
58	Spring Valley....	W. L. Horton.....	Dec. 1, 1895.
59	Temple.....	F. G. Kiesler.....	Mar. 31, 1895.
		Wm. F. Mitchell.....	Aug. 3, 1895.
61	Ashler.....	C. T. Shellman.....	Nov. 6, 1895.

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NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
63	Illustrious.....	Jonathan Fisk.....	July 8, 1895.
64	Chain Lake.....	James McHench.....	April 27, 1895.
66	Madella.....	John H. Hanscom.....	Jan. 28, 1895.
69	Mystic Star.....	Anton M. Olson.....	June 6, 1895.
79	Palestine.....	Geo. W. Goldsmith.....	Feb. 17, 1895.
		Geo. Dinwoodie.....	April 9, 1895.
		Wm. McGillivray.....	Dec. 7, 1895.
80	Henderson.....	Joseph P. Kirby.....	Mar. 2, 1895.
		Adam Buck.....	Mar. 7, 1895.
		Matthew Donahue.....	Mar. 9, 1895.
91	Antiquity.....	Fred C. Gley.....	April —, 1895.
		J. B. Wasson.....	Dec. —, 1895.
92	Fraternal.....	Henry Campbell.....	Mar. 18, 1895.
96	Libanus.....	Sumner C. Clark.....	Oct. 28, 1895.
97	Prudence.....	Thos. J. Hunter.....	Mar. 9, 1895.
98	Charity.....	Albert Blanchard.....	Oct. 31, 1895.
99	Corner Stone.....	H. G. Stordock.....	June —, 1895.
104	Sharon.....	H. W. Hewitt.....	July 1, 1895.
		Richard Waters.....	—, 1895.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	Frank B. Heustis.....	Jan. 31, 1895.
		George Wilson.....	Dec. 4, 1895.
108	Relief.....	Levi Leighton.....	June 13, 1895.
109	Sunset.....	Edward M. Kitchel.....	May —, 1895.
		Anton Cammen.....	July —, 1895.
112	Khurum.....	Geo. Fortwingler.....	April 28, 1895.
		Robert Langdon.....	July 24, 1895.
		Wm. Dolliver.....	Oct. 25, 1895.
		Charles Jones.....	Dec. 16, 1895.
115	Elgin.....	Robert G. Richardson....	July 3, 1895.
116	Lafayette.....	F. L. Miller.....	Mar. 24, 1895.
117	Granite.....	Henry T. Ellingboe.....	June 8, 1895.
		Anton P. Tanberg.....	Nov. 27, 1895.
118	Newport.....	Charles F. Schultz.....	June 12, 1895.
121	Grand Meadow...	Benj. R. Day.....	June 28, 1895.
		Hudson B. Sheldon.....	July 17, 1895.
		C. Noble Bostwick.....	Nov. 27, 1895.
125	Winslow Lewis..	Seneca Brown.....	Feb. 20, 1895.
		Fred Biederman.....	Nov. 25, 1895.
131	Alma.....	H. N. Vanwart.....	Feb. 17, 1895.
		James Lang.....	Aug. 14, 1895.
137	Appleton.....	Cyrus C. Curtice.....	Aug. 25, 1895.
		Wm. J. Wright.....	Dec. 17, 1895.
141	Crookston.....	Alfred D. Morris.....	Mar. 13, 1895.
		Adam B. Gorgas.....	Sept. 1, 1895.
		George W. Lewis.....	Oct. 3, 1895.
		Wm. D. Wilson.....	Dec. 5, 1895.
146	Benton.....	Wm. Henry Thomas.....	Aug. 20, 1895.
148	Quarry.....	Henry E. Briggs.....	Nov. 5, 1895.
150	Warren.....	Lorenzo G. Wood.....	Sept. 2, 1895.
		Edwin R. Ross.....	Nov. 11, 1895.
156	Wadena.....	Epsom Corey.....	Aug. 11, 1895.
		Isaac L. Kramer.....	Sept. 20, 1895.

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No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
161	Sincerity.....	Louis D. Webster.....	Dec. 16, 1895.
162	Prescott.....	Arthur C. Belyea.....	Mar. 26, 1895.
163	Summit.....	Wm. Kingston.....	Feb. 26, 1895.
		Hugh J. McAfee.....	Oct. 3, 1895.
165	Minnehaha.....	Tosten N. Flatten.....	June 1, 1895.
169	Pierson.....	Thomas M. How.....	July 15, 1895.
171	Shekinah.....	John H. Doran.....	Nov. 27, 1895.
176	Ark.....	C. W. Haven.....	April —, 1895.
178	Anchor.....	Patrick E. McKee.....	April 1, 1895.
184	Shell.....	J. F. Luce.....	Jan. —, 1895.
186	Ionic.....	W. D. B. Janes.....	—, 1895.
187	Arcana.....	E. A. Thorpe.....	Nov. 26, 1895.
192	Crow River.....	Peter Albert Olson.....	April 1, 1895.
		Lyman Chandler.....	April 2, 1895.
193	Amboy.....	C. M. Green.....	April 11, 1895.
194	Canton.....	Cary Abbott.....	Jan. 16, 1895.
		Ira Hubble.....	May 31, 1895.
195	Renville.....	John Sergeant.....	Sept. 6, 1895.
201	Kenyon.....	Charles A. Norris.....	Jan. 30, 1895.
207	Crescent.....	William Lemon.....	Mar. 3, 1895.

APPENDIX H.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M., into thirty-four (34) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed, and do hereby depute and appoint, the right worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. W. G. DROWLEY (20), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
17	Hokah.....	Hokah	73	Brownsville	Brownsville
20	Caledonia	Caledonia	110	Pickwick	Pickwick
29	Morning Star.....	La Crescent	194	Canton.....	Canton
36	Preston	Preston			

SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. B. F. FARMER (58), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
58	Spring Valley.....	Spring Valley	84	Orient.....	Money Creek
69	Mystic Star.....	Rushford	102	Lebanon.....	Lanesboro
78	Mystic Circle.....	Houston	121	Grand Meadow..	Grand Meadow

THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. S. A. EMERSON (39), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
39	Fidelity.....	Austin	116	Lafayette	Brownsdale
72	Lansing.....	Lansing	123	Prairie.....	Blooming Prairie
75	Eureka.....	Le Roy	131	Alma.....	Lyle

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. FRANK DEAN (85), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
22	Pleasant Grove...	Pleasant Grove	85	High Forest.....	High Forest
56	Meridian..	Chatfield	203	Stewartville	Stewartville

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. H. C. SHEPARD (18), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
18	Winona.....	Winona	61	Ashler	Eyota
43	Harmony.....	Lewiston	63	Illustrious	Plainview
46	Evergreen.....	Troy	115	Elgin	Elgin
49	Rising Sun.....	St. Charles			

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHAS. A. MILLER (11), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
11	Mantorville	Mantorville	83	Huram Abl.....	Kasson
21	Rochester.....	Rochester	108	Relief.....	Dodge Center
38	Washington.....	West Concord	201	Kenyon	Kenyon

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. G. W. HALL (86), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
14	Wapahasa.....	Wabasha	41	Hermon	Zumbrota
37	Mystic Tle.....	Pine Island	86	Tyrian	Mazeppa
40	Carnelian.....	Lake City	122	Kellogg.....	Kellogg

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. NATHAN EMERSON (7), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
7	Dakota.....	Hastings	35	Mount Moriah.....	Hastings
8	Red Wing.....	Red Wing	130	Arcturus.....	Red Wing
34	Oriental.....	Cannon Falls			

NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. GEO. D. HOLDEN (33), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
9	Faribault	Faribault	52	Cannon River.....	Cannon River
33	Star in the East.....	Owatonna	67	Corinthian.....	Farmington
48	Social.....	Northfield			

TENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. D. J. DODGE (124), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
24	Wilton.....	Alma City	77	Tuscan.....	Waseca
26	Western Star.....	Albert Lea	124	Janesville	Janesville
32	Sakatah	Waterville			

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. HENRY J. HOOVEL (90), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
27	Blue Earth Valley....	Winnebago City	87	Doric	Wells
57	Blue Earth City..	Blue Earth City	90	Good Faith.....	Jackson
64	Chain Lake.....	Fairmount	179	King David.....	Elmore
			193	Amboy.....	Amboy

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. W. A. SMITH (97), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
97	Prudence.....	Windom	175	Roman Eagle.....	Adrian
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington	210	Columbian.....	Heron Lake
114	Ben Franklin.....	Luverne			

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: HUGH McMURTRIE (12), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
12	Mankato.....	Mankato	96	Libanus.....	St. James
66	Madella	Madella	103	Bethel.....	Lake Crystal
76	Joppa.....	Good Thunder	128	Josephus	Mapleton

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: GEO. W. TAYLOR (45), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
45	Union.....	Le Sueur	54	Nicollet.....	St. Peter
47	Concord.....	Cleveland	80	Henderson	Henderson

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: NEIL CURRIE (142), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
142	Currie	Currie	199	Murray	Slayton
148	Quarry	Pipestone	204	St. Elmo.....	Jasper
170	Fulda.....	Fulda			

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: C. W. STITES (146), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
119	Delta	Marshall	147	Canby.....	Canby
136	Walnut.....	Walnut Grove	153	Tracy.....	Tracy
146	Benton.....	Lake Benton	200	Zenith.....	Springfield

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: H. L. HAYDEN (196), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
91	Antiquity.....	Redwood Falls	196	Geneva	Madison
94	Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye	202	Venus	Dawson
98	Charity.....	New Ulm	216	Florence.....	Wood Lake
172	Marietta.....	Marietta			

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: A. J. STOWE (164), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater	118	Newport	Newport
51	Acacia.....	Cottage Grove	164	Jasper.....	Rush City
55	Zion.....	Taylor's Falls	166	Garnet.....	White Bear
65	Golden Rule.....	Lakeland			

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: H. M. TUSLER (168), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul	185	Midway.....	St. Paul
5	Ancient Landmark.....	St. Paul	190	Triune.....	St. Paul
163	Summit.....	St. Paul	191	Mizpah.....	South St. Paul
168	Braden.....	St. Paul	217	Capital City.....	St. Paul
171	Shekinah.....	St. Paul			

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: E. S. PRINCE (2), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
2	Cataract	Minneapolis	180	Plymouth.....	Minneapolis
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis	165	Minnehaha.....	Minneapolis
19	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	176	Ark	Minneapolis
112	Khurum	Minneapolis	187	Arcana	Minneapolis

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. G. NEWELL (44), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
31	King Hiram.....	Jordan	151	Chaska	Chaska
44	King Solomon.....	Shakopee	177	Rough Ashler.....	Belle Plaine
111	Carver	Carver			

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.: W.: H. A. REED (158), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
42	Hope	Glencoe	158	Hector	Hector
59	Temple	Hutchinson	195	Renville.....	Renville
144	Bird Island.....	Bird Island	209	Sibley.....	Winthrop
149	Guardian.....	Brownston			

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. DUNBROCK (109), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
109	Sunset.....	Montevideo	137	Appleton.....	Appleton
117	Granite.....	Granite Falls	143	Lakeview.....	Ortonville

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHRISTIAN BERTLESON (89), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
82	Howard.....	Howard Lake	138	Orion	Atwater
89	Golden Fleece.....	Litchfield	192	Crow River.....	New London
104	Sharon	Willmar	218	Griswold.....	Dassel
134	Cokato	Cokato			

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. C. NOLAN (152), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
120	Swift	Benson	162	Prescott.....	Herman
133	Golden Sheaf.....	Morris	167	Agate.....	Campbell
152	Frontier.....	Breckenridge	180	Traverse	Wheaton
153	Kodahya.....	Browns Valley	211	Friendship.....	Graceville

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. M. COMAFORD (16), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
16	Monticello	Monticello	95	Sherburne.....	Elk River
30	Anoka.....	Anoka	125	Winslow Lewis.....	Osseo
62	Star	Rockford	135	Nelson	Buffalo
92	Fraternal	Princeton			

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. C. MUNRO (23), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
23	North Star.....	St. Cloud	93	Unity.....	Sauk Rapids
28	Clear Water.....	Clearwater	173	Plumb Line.....	Maine Prairie
71	Paynesville....	Paynesville	182	Fair Haven.....	Annandale

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. L. R. BARTO (60), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
60	Star in the West.....	Sauk Center	162	Sincerity.....	Villard
81	Constellation	Alexandria	174	Valley	Glenwood
159	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie	180	Osakis	Osakis

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. G. TEN BROOK (79), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
79	Palestine	Duluth	197	Vermillion.....	Tower
181	Dalles	Cloquet	198	Euclid.....	West Duluth
186	Ionic.....	Duluth	208	Itasca.....	Grand Rapids
188	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors			

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN T. FRATER (100), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	207	Crescent	Staples
140	Little Falls.....	Little Falls	218	Mystic	Aitkin
178	Anchor	Royalton			

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. FRANK D. BELL (169), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
99	Corner Stone.....	Fergus Falls	183	Pelican Rapids...	Pelican Rapids
126	Moorhead	Moorhead	214	Evansville.. ..	Evansville
169	Plerson	Barnesville			

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. L. LAMBERSON (150), D. D. G. M.

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
141	Crookston	Crookston	206	Fosston	Fosston
150	Warren	Warren	212	Hallock	Hallock
154	Norman.....	Ada	215	Argyle	Argyle

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R.: W.: L. R. THURSTON (205), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
50	Watertown	Watertown	132	Humboldt.....	Young America
113	Excelsior	Excelsior	205	Wayzata	Wayzata

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. L. BERTHOLD (157), D.: D.: G.: M.:

No.	Name.	Town.	No.	Name.	Town.
106	Mount Tabor.....	Detroit	157	Perham	Perham
139	Verndale.....	Verndale	184	Shell.....	Park Rapids
156	Wadena	Wadena			

And the said R.: W.: District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this 20th day of January, A. D. 1896, A.: L.: 5896.

JAMES F. LAWLESS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME OF GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	NAME OF GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	Geo. P. Harrison..	Opelika.....	Henry C. Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	R. N. Fredericks..	Prescott.....	Geo. J. Roskrige..	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	N. P. Richmond..	Malvern.....	Ray Hempstead...	Little Rock.
British Columbia.	Lacey R. Johnson..	Vancouver....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Victoria.
California.....	Edward M. Preston.	Nevada City...	Geo. Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	W. R. White, Q. C.	Pembroke.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Colon and Cuba..	Segunda Alvarez..	Havana.....	Jose F. Pellon....	Havana.
Colorado.....	Wm. D. Pierce....	Denver.....	Ed. C. Parmelee..	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Henry O. Warner..	New Milford..	John H. Barlow....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Joseph L. Cahall..	Georgetown....	Benj. F. Bartram..	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.	David G. Dixon....	Washington....	Wm. R. Singleton..	Washington.
England.....	Prince of Wales...		Edw'd Letchworth.	London.
Florida.....	James W. Boyd....	Bartow.....	Albert J. Russell..	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	John P. Shannon..	Elberton.....	A. M. Wollin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	L. S. Waller.....	Boise City....	Chas. C. Stevenson.	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Bloomington..	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Edward O'Rourke..	Fort Wayne....	Wm. H. Smythe....	Indianapolis.
Ind. Territory...	John Coyle.....	Bailey.....	Joseph S. Murrow..	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Geo. W. Ball.....	Iowa City....	Theo. S. Parvin....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn.		Lord Chastletown.	Dublin.
Kansas.....	James H. McCall..	Wichita.....	Albert K. Wilson..	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Frank C. Gerard..	Bowling Green.	Henry B. Grant....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Geo. H. Packwood.	Clinton.....	Richard Lambert..	New Orleans.
Maine.....	A. B. Farnham....	Bangor.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	Chas. N. Bell.....	Winnipeg.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Thos. J. Shryock..	Baltimore....	Jacob H. Medairy..	Baltimore.
Massachusetts...	Edwin B. Holmes..	Boston.....	Ser. D. Nickerson..	Boston.
Michigan.....	Edwin L. Bowering	Grand Rapids..	Jeff. S. Conover..	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	James F. Lawless..	St. Paul.....	Thos. Montgomery.	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	James T. Harrison.	Columbus....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	A. M. Hough.....	Jefferson City.	John D. Vinell....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	James H. Mills....	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges..	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Henry H. Wilson..	Lincoln.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John C. Hnzlett..	Dayton.....	C. N. Noteware....	Carson City.
New Brunswick..	Thos. Walker.....	St. John.....	F. W. Wisdom.....	St. John.
N. Hampshire...	Chas. C. Hayes....	Manchester...	Geo. P. Cleaves...	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Chas. Belcher....	Newark.....	Thos. H. H. Redway.	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	James H. Wroth..	Albuquerque...	Alpheus A. Keen..	Albuquerque.
New S. Wales...	Joseph P. Abbott..		Arthur H. Bray....	Sydney.
New York.....	John Stewart.....	New York.....	E. M. L. Ehlers....	New York.
New Zealand...	Francis H. D. Bell.		Wm. Ronaldson....	Wellington.
North Carolina..	Francis M. Moyer.	Wilson.....	John C. Drewry...	Raleigh.
North Dakota...	Wm. H. Best.....	Fargo.....	Frank J. Thompson.	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Wm. F. MacCoy...	Halifax.....	William Ross.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Wm. B. Melish....	Cincinnati...	J. H. Brumwell....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	Chas. A. Newman..	El Reno.....	James S. Hunt....	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	M. D. Clifford....	Prairie City...	Jas. F. Robinson..	Eugene.
Pennsylvania...	M. H. Henderson..	Philadelphia..	Michael Nisbet...	Philadelphia.
P. Edw'd Island..	Roderick McNeill..	Stanley Bridge.	Nell MacKelvie...	Summerside.
Quebec.....	Frederic Massey..	Montreal.....	John H. Isaacson..	Montreal.
Rhode Island...	Ed'isha H. Rhodes.	Providence....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	Sir Chas. Dalrymple		D. Murray Lyon...	Edinburgh.
South Australia.	Earl of Kintore...		J. H. Cunningham.	Adelaide.
South Carolina..	Claude E. Sawyer..	Aiken.....	Chas. Inglesby...	Charleston.
South Dakota...	Frederic H. Miles.	Sioux Falls...	Geo. A. Pettigrew.	Plandreau.
Tasmania.....	E. O. Giblin.....		John Hamilton....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Geo. H. Morgan...	Cookeville...	John B. Garrett...	Nashville.
Texas.....	B. R. Abernethy...	Gonzales.....	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Alvin C. Emerson..	Ogden.....	Christopher Diehl..	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Kittredge Haskins.	Brattleboro...	Warren G. Reynolds.	Burlington.
Victoria.....	W. J. Clarke.....		John Braim.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	J. P. Fitzgerald..	Farmville....	Wm. B. Isaacs, Jr.	Richmond.
Washington.....	W. W. Witherspoon.	Spokane.....	Thos. M. Reed....	Olympia.
West Virginia...	George W. Feidt...	Martinsburg..	Geo. W. Atkinson..	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	W. W. Perry.....	Madison.....	John W. Laffin...	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	F. Chatterton.....	Rawlins.....	Wm. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

APPENDIX J.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

To.			From.	
Name.	Residence.	State.	Name.	Residence.
Palmer J. Pillans.....	Belknap.....	Alabama.....	.....	.....
Wm. Henry Gee.....	Dardanelle.....	Arizona.....	.....	.....
Samuel B. Hinckley.....	Montreal.....	Arkansas.....	A. La Due.....	Mantorville.....
A. A. Stevenson.....	Havana.....	Brit. Columbia.....	Chas. D. Boyce.....	Minneapolis.....
Juan Miguel Ferrer.....	Central City.....	California.....	Geo. W. Prescott.....	.....
Henry M. Teller.....	Danbury.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Stillwater.....
Edmund Tweedy.....	Newark.....	Colon and Cuba.....	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Center.....
Chas. C. King.....	Washington.....	Colorado.....	T. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.....
C. W. Hancock.....	Madison.....	Connecticut.....	Chas. Griswold.....	St. Paul.....
Angus Patterson.....	Waycross.....	Delaware.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.....
E. H. Reed.....	Ashley.....	Dist. Columbia.....	J. D. Markham.....	Rush City.....
Edward C. Pace.....	Fort Gibson.....	England.....	.....	.....
F. H. Nash.....	Independence.....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Center.....
John H. Spencer.....	New Orleans.....	Georgia.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Center.....
J. Q. A. Fellows.....	Ellsworth.....	Idaho.....	A. Y. Davidson.....	Minneapolis.....
John B. Redman.....	Winnipeg.....	Illinois.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.....
Hugh McCowan.....	Baltimore.....	Indiana.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.....
Hugh B. Jones.....	Niles.....	Indian Ter.....	.....	.....
John Woodruff.....	Otterville.....	Ireland.....	Calvin L. Brown.....	Morris.....
Samuel H. Saunders.....	Kearney.....	Kansas.....	Chas. W. Nash.....	Minneapolis.....
Homer J. Allen.....	Battle Mount n.....	Louisiana.....	L. Z. Rogers.....	Waterville.....
Edward T. George.....	St. John.....	Maine.....	H. C. Shepard.....	Winona.....
Thos. Walker, M.D.....	Littleton.....	Manitoba.....	.....	.....
Albert S. Batchellor.....	Pennington.....	Maryland.....	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Center.....
John G. Muirhead.....	.....	Massachusetts.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.....
.....	.....	Mexico.....	.....	.....
John S. Denton.....	Jamaica.....	Michigan.....	J. B. Finch.....	Hastings.....
Thos. Alex. Peterkin.....	Westport.....	Minnesota.....	A. Marden.....	New Ulm.....
Wm. A. Bentley.....	Bismarck.....	Mississippi.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.....
George A. Veltis.....	Digby.....	Missouri.....	William Lee.....	Hastings.....
Ralph R. Riskley.....	Columbus.....	Montana.....	J. H. Thompson.....	Minneapolis.....
.....	.....	Nebraska.....	.....	.....
John P. Noyes.....	Waterloo.....	Nevada.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City.....
John E. Goldsworthy.....	Central Falls.....	New Brunswick.....	H. J. Peck.....	Shakopee.....
Sam'l Henry Good.....	.....	N. Hampshire.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.....
J. Q. A. Braden.....	Aberdeen.....	New Jersey.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.....
Henry M. Altan.....	Knoxville.....	New Mexico.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City.....
P. L. Williams.....	Salt Lake City.....	New S. Wales.....	Wm. T. Rigby.....	Clear Water.....
Edwin Wheelock.....	Cambridge.....	New York.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.....
Dr. E. Hinchcliffe.....	Hollins.....	New Zealand.....	Wm. B. Patton.....	Duluth.....
Wm. H. Pleasants.....	Spokane Falls.....	North Carolina.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.....
Louis Ziegler.....	Middleway.....	North Dakota.....	A. J. Edgerton.....	Sioux Falls.....
Samuel D. Engle.....	.....	Nova Scotia.....	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.....
W. W. Perry.....	.....	Ohio.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.....
.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	W. F. Dickinson.....	Redw'd Falls.....
.....	.....	Oregon.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City.....
.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.....
.....	.....	Pr. Edward Is.....	Sam'l E. Adams.....	Minneapolis.....
.....	.....	Quebec.....	C. H. Smith.....	St. Paul.....
.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.....
.....	.....	Scotland.....	Chas. L. West.....	Austin.....
.....		S. Australia.....	Geo. H. Davis.....	Mankato.....
.....		South Carolina.....		
.....		South Dakota.....		
.....		Tasmania.....		
.....		Tennessee.....		
.....		Texas.....		
.....		Utah.....		
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monument to the masonic lodges of Alabama. They have met in the times of the greatest trial within their lodges as friends and as brethren, and nothing outside the doors of the lodge room has affected this beautiful masonic feeling. It has created within my breast a sentiment of added reverence and love for the craft, and I feel sure that a house builded on so firm a foundation, and able to withstand the shocks of the past two years, will never be shaken.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

2½. The rule with reference to the first three officers of the lodge not being allowed to dimit has no application to the secretary of the lodge, and the secretary has the same right to his dimit as any other member under similar circumstances.

5. A mason of many years' good standing in his lodge, in a fit of mania committed suicide, being at the time of his death in good standing. The master declined to bury him with masonic honors because of the fact that he had died by his own hand. A request was made of him, both by the lodge and by the family of the deceased, that this error of the worshipful master should in some way be corrected; that the masonic services should be held over his grave. I held that the worshipful master has fallen into a grievous error in refusing to accord to the remains of the dead brother an honorable masonic interment, but that in the nature of things the masonic services could not be performed over his grave after his burial, but advised that a special session of the lodge be held for the purpose, and that the proper memorial services should be held, either in the lodge room or publicly, which I have since been informed was done.

14. A widow is entitled to widow's certificate immediately after the death of her husband, and, while her re-marriage dissolves her relations to the fraternity, there is no impropriety in giving her the certificate if she desires it.

The evils of absenteeism are thus pointed out by the grand master:

I cannot too strongly impress upon the delegates to this grand lodge the duty of remaining at its session until the grand communication is finally closed. He is sent by his lodge for this purpose, and the grand lodge and the lodge which sends him both have the right to confidently expect that he will come up to the full measure of his duty in this particular. No possible good can be accomplished by a delegate coming to the grand lodge, attending merely for a day, and leaving for his home. It is impossible for him to thus fitly represent the lodge which sends him. * * * Neither the member nor his lodge can derive any benefit from this sort of attendance, and it is in fact a squandering of the money of the lodge which sends him

and should not be tolerated. I call upon every delegate to this grand lodge to remain with us during the entire session.

An amendment to the constitution was referred to the subordinate lodges for their approval or rejection, increasing the per capita tax from fifty cents to one dollar for the benefit of a masonic home, to be located when the fund shall have reached fifty thousand dollars. A committee was also appointed to prepare an address to accompany the proposition.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence held that restoration from indefinite suspension is only to the rights and privileges of masonry, and not to lodge membership; that there is no power to compel those who have taken the first or second degrees to advance; and that the business of selling liquor is not a disqualification for the degrees, under their constitution.

Two additional amendments to the constitution were proposed, the purport of which do not appear from the proceedings, the grand master, deputy grand master, and grand secretary were appointed as a standing committee on permanent trust fund with full power to act, and a suitable testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

Bro. P. J. Pillans, the veteran reporter, writes of Minnesota:

Here lie the proceedings of Grand Lodge of Minnesota, whose interests we have the honor to be requested to be careful of near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and thus far we are proud to say we have not been recreant to the trust.

Our junior grand warden, R.: W.: Bro. B. D. Williams, was properly received as a visitor, and spoke of the jurisdiction that lined the Mexican Gulf as being one with the fraternity of Minnesota in its attachment to the great principles of freemasonry.

An excellent oration out of the usually beaten track on the origin, character, and purposes of freemasonry was delivered by Bro. J. F. Lawless, grand orator.

The report on correspondence, in which Alabama for 1892 is found, is again from the pen of facile Bro. Irving Todd. We are lightly, but pleasantly noticed.

M.: W.: G. P. Harrison, Opelika, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1894.

A special communication was held at Phoenix, July 15th, to attend the funeral of M. : W. : D. A Reed, Grand Master.

The thirteenth annual communication was held at Phoenix, Nov. 13th, 14th, and 15th, R. : W. : R. N. Fredericks, acting Grand Master. Nine lodges represented; eleven on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Membership five hundred and thirteen; gain two. Receipts \$551.

Bros. H. M. Orahood and E. C. Parmelee, past grand masters of Colorado, were present as visitors. So says the record, but in fact Bro. Ed.'s claim to the rank is on a par with our own.

The good master held that in a case of willful, deliberate suicide the brother was not entitled to be buried with masonic honors.

A lodge of sorrow was held the first evening, Bro. F. A. Shaw delivering a brief oration.

The following was the only new legislation:

Resolved, That in case of the suicide of a master mason in good standing in this jurisdiction the master and wardens of the lodge to which he belonged, or the master and wardens of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the suicide was committed, shall determine as to his insanity and as to the propriety of interring him with masonic honors.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : R. N. Fredericks, Prescott, Grand Master; V. : R. : G. J. Roskrige, Tucson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1894.

The fifty-fifth annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 20th and 21st, M. : W. : J. M. Harkey, Grand Master. Three hundred and forty-five lodges represented; four hundred and thirty-seven on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative not among the number.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered, one arrested, and one restored. Membership thir-

teen thousand, six hundred, and seventy-two; gain one hundred and sixty. Receipts \$9,116.

A temple debt weighs heavily upon the brethren of this jurisdiction, its revenues falling about \$2,000 short of paying the \$3,500 annual interest, taxes, and other expenses, which deficiency has to be met by an appropriation from the grand lodge, in addition to \$1,020 rent for rooms occupied in the building. Two notes of \$5,000 each are due, with no funds to take them up. The outlook is all the more discouraging from the vote on measures of financial relief. Propositions to increase the per capita tax, to reduce the mileage, and to require each lodge to pay its own representative were lost, and the resolution of last year making the per diem a preferred claim continued in force. To clinch the matter another resolution was adopted allowing one of the wardens to represent his lodge and receive pay in case the master is drawing pay as a grand officer or member of a standing committee. Still there is a slight gleam of hope in the horizon. It was resolved that each subordinate lodge give \$10 of its first initiation fee each year towards a temple fund, and the salary of the grand secretary was reduced \$200. Arkansas may pull through in spite of the seeming lethargy.

The new legislation was the creation of three custodians of the work, to outrank the grand lecturer, and requesting the board of control to provide a hall in the temple for the accommodation of the Order of Eastern Star.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: N. P. Richmond, Malvern, Grand Master; R.: W.: Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. H. Davidson, Evening Shade, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1895.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Vancouver, June 20th, 21st, and 22d, M.: W.: R. B. McMicking, Grand Master. Nineteen lodges represented; twenty-one on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership twelve hundred and sixty-nine; gain one hundred and ninety-three. Receipts \$2,067.

The minutes of an emergent communication held at Victoria the preceding November to adopt the revised constitution appear in the proceedings.

Among the approved decisions is found the following:

5. Is a brother who has served as warden outside this jurisdiction, is now a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction, eligible for election as master? If the brother has been regularly elected and served a term as warden in a warranted lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, he is eligible.

A committee consisting of the grand masters and wardens elect was appointed to report next year upon the matter of a masonic home; the grand lodge attended divine service the second afternoon, an eloquent sermon being delivered by Bro. J. A. Logan; a banquet was tendered by the local lodges in the evening.

Bro. Marcus Wolfe submitted his third report on foreign correspondence. He is of the opinion that "the oration by W.: Bro. A. S. Crossfield is a masterpiece." Correct.

W.: M.: L. R. Johnson, Vancouver, Grand Master; V.: W.: W. J. Quinlan, Victoria, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1894.

The forty-fifth annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 9th to 13th, M.: W.: H. S. Orme, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-two lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-five on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent

Four dispensations for new lodges; two consolidations; one charter arrested. Membership seventeen thousand and forty; gain thirty-four. Receipts \$24,449.55.

The deaths of Bros. J. D. Stevenson and C. R. Gritman, their senior and junior past grand masters, were announced. The former was born in 1800, and had been a mason since 1821, a little over seventy-two years.

The trustees of the widows' and orphans' home reported \$39,315.08 cash subscriptions and \$38,401.96 expenditures.

It is proposed to sell the site at Decoto with a view of obtaining a more favorable location.

The reports of the masonic boards of relief show unusual demands upon the fraternity by reason of the great financial depression. It is needless to add, however, that every call was responded to with that generous liberality for which the people of the Pacific slope are ever noted. San Francisco expended \$13,202, Los Angeles \$3,115.82, Oakland \$1,322.14, Sacramento \$1,360.76, San Diego \$1,247.15, Stockton \$255.55, and San Jose \$2,132.05. Eight of the cases were from Minnesota, at \$136, of which \$35 has been refunded by lodges in this state.

A very readable address was delivered by Bro. Niles Searls, grand orator.

The committee on returns reported the following interesting lodge statistics:

Two hundred members and over.....	12
One hundred and fifty and over.....	9
One hundred and over.....	23
Seventy-five and over.....	15
Fifty and over.....	64
Thirty and over.....	69
Twenty and over.....	45
Fifteen and over.....	15
Less than fifteen.....	6
Two degrees during the year.....	16
One degree during the year.....	18
No degree during the year.....	68
No degree in two years.....	29
No degree in three years.....	14
No degree in four years.....	8
No degree in five years.....	4
No degree in six years.....	1

A special committee was appointed to look after the Pratt monument fund; memorial pages were ordered for thirty-three past masters deceased during the year; future contributions to boards of relief confined to those whose lodges pay eight cents per month for each member borne upon their rolls; the accounts of the grand treasurer and secretary pronounced correct by an expert accountant, with total assets of \$91,160.87; the appropriation of \$480 con-

tinued to Bro. J. A. Lutt, past grand master, and \$500 appropriated to the widow of Bro. C. R. Gritman; \$6,480 appropriated to the seven boards of relief; the absence of Bro. N. G. Curtiss, past grand master, owing to failing health fraternally deplored in appropriate resolutions; the amendment to the constitution reducing fee for the degrees from \$50 to \$30 adopted by a two-thirds vote, with a further amendment requiring unanimous consent of all the lodges in a place having concurrent jurisdiction; the subordinate lodges authorized to expend five per cent of their annual income for refreshment and fraternal intercourse, liquors excepted; the constitution amended so that suspended members failing to pay back dues within two years shall not be restored except by a three-fourths vote; an appropriation of \$25 per month to the widow of a past grand master was rejected, upon the ground that the lodge of which he has been a member should relieve her necessities; the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, that it is the duty of each lodge to take care of its own members, their widows and orphans, was concurred in; a collection of \$104.70 was taken up for the Pratt monument fund; a portrait and jewel were ordered for the retiring grand master; and the uniform rules of Mississippi favorably considered, but not adopted.

Bro. W. A. Davies submitted a well written report on correspondence, from which we quote:

The report on correspondence was prepared and presented by W. Bro. Irving Todd, who gives an able review of fifty-six grand bodies, including the proceedings of the fraternal congress.

Under Missouri Bro. Todd says: * * * No superfluous words in that statement. We vote Bro. Irving Todd a past Grand Condenser of Condensed Matter.

We take the liberty of giving Bro. Todd's report of the conclusions of the fraternal congress, which, while not being an authoritative declaration, yet, from the eminent masons engaged in their consideration, challenge the attention of the masonic world.

Under the head of Alabama he says:

And we of California are with Kentucky on that question. Life is too short to entertain the proposition of perpetual jurisdiction. We believe in the supremacy of the grand lodge, and that its right to enact laws for its protection and for the advancement of its in-

terests within its jurisdiction must be unquestioned. Our grand lodge has exercised its authority in that regard and declared what the prerequisites for admission to lodges of its obedience shall be; and, while we would not give cause for offense by questioning the judgment of a sister jurisdiction in its rejection of material presented for its use, we will always insist upon our right to review such cases as are presented to us, and exercise, under our constitution, the right to correct possible errors.

Under Oklahoma is found the following sensible criticism:

We demur, and, while thinking that circumstances might warrant the public installation of the officers of a subordinate lodge, we would, under no circumstances, consent to the surrender of its dignity and reputation by a grand lodge for a like indulgence.

M.: W.: J. B. Stevens, Grand Master; V.: W.: George Johnson re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. Davies, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of San Francisco.

CANADA, 1895.

The fortieth annual communication was held at Toronto, July 17th and 18th, M.: W.: W. R. White, Grand Master. Three hundred and fourteen lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-one on the roll. Eight past grand masters present, including our representative.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty-two thousand, eight hundred, and five; gain two hundred and seventy-five. Receipts \$19,710.34.

The usual number of special dispensations were reported, those to attend divine services and at homes being in the majority.

The amount of payments on account of benevolence was stated as \$9,396.25.

Nearly one-half of the current pamphlet is filled with reports of the district deputy grand masters, only two failing to respond.

A special committee was appointed to confer with representatives of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, with a

view of healing its members in case the latter body ceases to exist.

The board of general purposes reported that it was deemed inadvisable to undertake the erection and maintenance of an asylum, but that every effort should be made to increase the grants under the present system. The report was referred back, with an amendment providing for a special committee to further inquire into the question.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Henry Robertson, a page being devoted to Minnesota.

M.: W.: W. R. White, Pembroke, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

COLORADO, 1895.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 17th and 18th, M.: W.: W. L. Bush, Grand Master. Eighty-three lodges represented; eighty-seven on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Three dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership seven thousand and twenty-three; gain two hundred and six. Receipts \$8,543.16.

The decisions were mainly of local interest. The third, however, is not in accordance with general usage, sustaining the setting aside of a ballot for master, in which he received eight votes for re-election, the senior warden nine, and one blank. The latter is no vote at all, and the senior warden was undoubtedly entitled to the office, which he did not get at the subsequent election. The fourth, that an entered apprentice who has lost his right hand in a railroad wreck could not receive the remaining degrees, was approved under their regulations, with a modification of the by-law by which the gross injustice was made possible.

A large number of lodge by-laws were approved during the year, the principal change being a percentage of dues collected to be retained by the secretary in lieu of a fixed salary. Possibly this plan would work well in other jurisdictions.

The grand master sensibly declined to lay the corner stone of a mercantile building to be erected by a mason, although a lodge has leased the upper story for a term of years.

An oration upon A Mason's Duty was delivered by Bro. A. A. Burnand, grand orator.

Upon recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence an amendment to the by-laws was adopted permitting dispensations to attend divine service, without fee, the decision setting aside twenty-five per cent of the grand lodge income for a masonic home vacated, and a resolution deprecating the use of the term masonic in connection with business enterprises adopted; a committee of condolence was appointed to visit Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, past grand master, absent by reason of illness; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

Notwithstanding the legislation of last year permitting a lodge to be opened with but three master masons present, Tin Cup Lodge No. 52 was obliged to pass in its checks, only one member remaining within its jurisdiction. An historic name thus passes into oblivion.

The report on correspondence by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf was another of his usual able efforts, from which we quote:

A very able and eloquent oration was delivered by W. Bro. A. S. Crossfield on The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society and What Masonry Is. It covers nearly eleven closely printed pages, with three sets of asterisks showing omissions perchance of an esoteric character.

Bro. Irving Todd again presents a characteristic report on correspondence of one hundred pages, in which limited space he gives an intelligible summary of the doings of sister jurisdictions. Colorado for 1894 receives a fraternal review of a page and a half, in which he condenses the official acts of Grand Master Sanford and the legislation of the session.

In addition to the digest of decisions there is an interesting continuation of the discussion on the antiquity of the third degree, winding up with the following:

The London Masonic Magazine, in an article on old English Bibles, after citing the fact that the title *Abi* or *Abif* cannot be found in a later revision than the old folio of 1549, says:

The fact that masons, at their lodges and instruction meetings, employ words and texts from a version of Holy Writ that has been for more than three hundred years completely lost sight of, proves the verbal accuracy with which masonic lore must have been handed down from generation to generation, and is also evidence of the antiquity of the order.

M.: W.: W. D. Peirce, Grand Master; R.: W.: E. C. Parmelee re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1895.

The one hundred and seventh annual communication was held at New Haven, Jan. 16th and 17th, M.: W.: H. O. Warner, Grand Master. The one hundred and eleven lodges all represented. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One charter restored. Membership sixteen thousand, five hundred, and fourteen; gain four hundred and sixty-seven. Receipts \$2,602.40.

The frontispiece is a portrait of the grand master.

Several emergent communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones, etc., and one to attend the funeral of Bro. J. K. Wheeler, late grand secretary.

The deaths of Bro. M. R. Leavenworth, senior grand warden, and Bro. A. P. Hyde, past grand master, were announced.

The special committee upon relief circular of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin reported that the matter was covered by existing legislation; a suitable memorial was ordered presented to the family of Bro. J. K. Wheeler; the per capita tax increased to twenty-five cents; and a per capita tax of seventy-five cents recommended to each lodge for the Masonic Charity Foundation. The annual report of the latter institution showed contributions during the year amounting to \$7,569.32 and the purchase of the Oneida community farm of eighty-eight acres at Wallingford for \$17,500. Their permanent fund now amounts to \$26,452.07.

The report on masonic correspondence was prepared by Bro. J. H. Barlow, the new grand secretary. From the fraternal review of Minnesota the following paragraphs are taken:

The grand master decided that an entered apprentice who had lost his arm by accident after receiving the degree could not be passed and raised, which decision was reversed by the grand lodge. We are inclined to think that, by strict interpretation of masonic usage, the decision of the grand master was correct, though our sympathies are with the decision as made by the grand lodge.

The correspondence report is furnished by Bro. Irving Todd, and in one hundred and eight pages carefully reviews the proceedings of fifty-five grand lodges.

Under the head of New Hampshire, in defense of the practice of issuing edicts of noninterference to settle disputes, he alludes to the New York-Connecticut controversy, and says: * * * We beg to correct Bro. Todd, it was not the edict of nonintercourse that settled the dispute; no steps toward the settlement were made until the edict was withdrawn. We fear the trouble would have remained until the present time had the edict been continued. The writer was grand master of Connecticut at the time.

With due deference to Bro. Barlow we are still of the opinion that the edict in question made a settlement possible; the withdrawal followed as a matter of course after it had served its purpose.

M.: W.: H. O. Warner, New Milford, re-elected Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Barlow, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE; 1895.

The eighty-ninth annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 2d and 3d, M.: W.: V. V. Harrison, Grand Master. Twenty-one lodges on the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One charter revoked. Membership two thousand and thirty-nine; gain forty-one. Receipts \$1,244.

The death of Bro. Thomas Davidson, past grand master, was announced.

The portrait is that of the retiring grand master.

The grand master has a decided opinion upon the subject of incorporation. He says:

I replied that for a masonic lodge to be incorporated was both unnecessary and dangerous. An incorporated lodge becomes subject to the surveillance of the courts of law, from which an unincorporated lodge escapes. Thus, a mason expelled by an unincorporated

lodge must look for redress to the grand lodge alone. But if the lodge be incorporated he may apply to the courts of law for a restoration of his franchise as a member. Masonic discipline would thereby be seriously affected. To my mind very good reasons exist why a masonic lodge should not be incorporated. It is not necessary to be incorporated to hold and control property. That can be done through a board of trustees.

The principle is sound; the illustration of it wholly unwarranted. Courts at law have no jurisdiction over lodge membership.

It was resolved that it shall be unlawful for any lodge in the jurisdiction to become incorporated, or to charge a fee for affiliation; a special committee on masonic home was appointed, to report next year; intoxicating liquors were excluded from all lodge rooms, subordinate lodges prohibited from receiving or acting upon a petition for initiation or affiliation from a person engaged in their sale, and all masons advised and requested to refrain from engaging in the liquor traffic; the Wisconsin proposition was not ratified; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. L. H. Jackson, who certainly earned more than the \$50 appropriated to the committee.

M.: W.: J. L. Cahall, Georgetown, Grand Master; R.: W.: B. F. Bartram re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; both of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1894.

The eighty-fourth annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 14th, M.: W.: H. S. Merrill, Grand Master. The twenty-four lodges all represented. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative being absent.

One dispensation for new lodge. Membership four thousand, seven hundred, and ninety-one; gain eighty. Receipts \$4,151.30.

The grand master decided that an applicant who had lost one of his legs below the knee after election was not eligible for initiation, and the fee should be returned.

An assistant to the grand secretary was provided for at \$150, and \$250 appropriated for expenses of the grand master. Memorial pages were inserted for twelve deceased past masters.

At the installation communication a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master and the Wisconsin method of relief not concurred in.

The twenty-fifth report on foreign correspondence was presented by the venerable grand secretary, preceded by his portrait and biography per order of the grand lodge. The following is taken from under Minnesota:

The report on correspondence, of one hundred and eight pages, was furnished by Bro. Irving Todd. Our proceedings for 1892 received two pages of very fraternal review.

In reference to the Iowa matter he says: * * * Bro. Todd were we French we would say vous avez raison. We thank the brother for his opinion in re.

M.: W.: D. G. Dixon, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. R. Singleton re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1895.

The sixty-sixth annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 15th, 16th, and 17th, M.: W.: W. F. Bynum, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-two lodges represented; one hundred and forty-three on the roll. Eight past grand masters present, our representative included.

Eight dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, six hundred, and twenty-two; gain sixty-one. Receipts \$6,800.50.

The death of Bro. H. A. Corley, grand secretary from 1859 to 1868, was announced.

Among the sixty-six special dispensations granted nearly one-half were for the conferring of degrees upon candidates about to leave the jurisdiction.

The following was reported among the approved decisions:

10. Can a man who was born a bastard be initiated into a lodge? If the brethren are satisfied as to his moral character and social standing, his having been born an illegitimate child, if no other objections, will not preclude his admission.

A jewel was presented to the grand master of the previous year; the past master's degree conferred upon thirty-eight duly qualified brethren; an oration delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator; and a brief report on foreign correspondence made by the grand secretary.

M.: W.: J. W. Boyd, Bartow, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. J. Russell, Jacksonville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1894.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 30th, 31st, and Nov. 1st, R.: W.: J. P. Shannon as Grand Master. His portrait faces the title page. Three hundred and eighty lodges represented; three hundred and ninety on the roll. One past grand master and our representative present.

Eleven dispensations for new lodges; two charters forfeited. Membership sixteen thousand, two hundred, and thirty-five; loss four hundred and twenty-nine. Receipts \$17,602.

The death of Bro. J. S. Davidson, grand master, was most feelingly announced.

The usual large number of special dispensations and decisions were reported, the following only being of general interest:

3. A man made a mason by a lodge in Mexico will not be recognized as such in Georgia, but must be treated as a profane and balloted for in the usual way for the three degrees.

Memorial exercises were held the second evening for the lamented grand master, a full report of which was ordered printed in a separate volume. His collar, jewel, and apron were presented to the family in a unique address by Bro. J. W. Aikin.

The digest and manual prepared by Bro. J. W. Aikin was adopted and referred to a committee for publication; a committee appointed to contract for the soldiers' home property near Atlanta for a masonic home; the name of Jug Tavern Lodge changed to Winder; the limit of new lodges increased from six miles to nine; recognition extended to the Grand

Lodge of New Zealand; a committee appointed to present a memorial to the United States senate protesting against the prohibition of masonic assemblages in Japan; the Mississippi rules not indorsed owing to the clause interfering with the secret ballot; an edict adopted prescribing the method by which Cerneau masons may be healed; and the chairmen of standing committees directed to meet at the grand secretary's office a day in advance of the annual communication to arrange all business for their respective committees.

The report on foreign correspondence was triplets again, Bro. W. E. Mumford doing up Minnesota. He says:

The proceedings-volume contains the manly face of Grand Master W. F. Dickinson.

The address was short, manly, practical, and to the point.

An oration by J. F. Lawless, grand orator, was one of the features of the meeting of the present grand lodge.

The correspondence covers one hundred and nine pages and reviews about fifty grand lodges, and is the work of Irving Todd for the committee. It is, as usual, ably done. Georgia receives due attention.

M.: W.: J. P. Shannon, Elberton, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. M. Wolihin, Macon, re-elected Grand Secretary; committee on foreign correspondence continued.

ILLINOIS, 1895.

The fifty-sixth annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 1st, 2d, and 3d, M.: W.: L. A. Goddard, Grand Master, whose handsome countenance faces the title page. Six hundred and ninety-six lodges represented; seven hundred and fourteen on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered and one arrested. Membership fifty thousand, seven hundred, and twenty-seven; gain fourteen hundred and ninety-one. Receipts \$39,236.69.

Three decisions were reported as follows:

1. To be naturalized is not a prerequisite qualification of a candidate, either for initiation or for affiliation.

2. A brother cannot be disciplined for arrearage of dues to a lodge that has ceased to exist.

3. The relation a mason sustains to the fraternity at the time of his death cannot be changed.

A suggestion of the grand master to modify their law of perpetual jurisdiction when the rejected material has left the state did not meet the approval of the committee on jurisprudence, it being, in their opinion, in the nature of an innovation, therefore unwise and not desirable. As fully two-thirds of the grand lodges in this country do not recognize this interminable ownership, it is seemingly a question of time when the minority will have to fall in line.

The differences with Kentucky were summed up in the following vigorous language:

I was very much surprised and grieved at Grand Master Staton's report referring to the appointment of our representative near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; copies of correspondence in my possession show that it was deliberately couched in such language as to create an impression decidedly unfair and misleading, and is unworthy of such a source. There was a gross lack of courtesy, and it was not from Illinois.

A donation of \$100 was reported to Bro. Harrison Dills, their senior past grand master, now in feeble health. He is said to be the only mason now living who was present at the birth of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, fifty-five years ago.

The corner stone of the state normal school building at De Kalb was laid by the grand lodge in ample form, the governor taking part in the ceremonies. The corn, wine, and oil were supplied by Bro. J. C. Smith, right from Jerusalem.

A formal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Bro. A. E. Stevenson, vice president of the United States, was duly installed as grand orator for the ensuing year.

The uniform system of charity proposed by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin failed to meet with the approval of either the grand master or the committee on jurisprudence.

Another eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. J. C. Black, grand orator.

Bro. Joseph Robbins submitted one of his admirable reports on masonic correspondence, from which we quote:

It will be observed that by implication, at least, it is held that a master mason cannot affiliate with a lodge in another grand jurisdiction without such an enabling act. This is getting the cart before the horse; under the law of masonry a master mason has a right to join any lodge that will receive him, unless, as has unfortunately been the case with a few jurisdictions, the grand lodge forbids it by regulation.

The report on correspondence is from the deft hand and clear, level head of Bro. Irving Todd. He is a great condenser, but his condensation never degenerates into a mere directory of grand lodges.

The interesting proceedings and valuable roster of membership of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota again makes an attractive feature of the Minnesota volume.

Bro. Robbins is correct in his criticism of the proposed amendment to our constitution, upon general principles. The practice, however, has been to permit a non-affiliate to apply to the lodge of his own selection, regardless of jurisdiction.

M.: W.: Owen Scott, Grand Master, R.: W.: J. H. C. Dill re-elected Grand Secretary, both of Bloomington. Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1895.

The seventy-fourth annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 28th and 29th, M.: W.: F. E. Gavin, Grand Master. Four hundred and sixty-seven lodges represented; four hundred and seventy-five on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter restored and three revoked. Membership twenty-seven thousand, five hundred, and seven; gain six hundred and ten. Receipts \$20,652.96.

The portraits are of the retiring grand master and the grand secretary.

Of the grand representative system the grand master says:

Upon this subject I may say that, while the system has been somewhat criticised, there seems to be no possible harm resulting from it. While it may not be most useful it is simple and inex-

pensive, and does in some degree express and represent that good will and fraternal feeling which should continually exist between different grand lodges.

The following were among the approved decisions:

3. A lodge may receive the petition of one not twenty-one, who will arrive at such age before the petition can be voted on.

5. Following the previous holdings of this grand lodge I decided in several cases that where relief had been extended by the lodge where they reside to members of another lodge, or their widows and orphans, the latter lodge is under no obligation cognizable by the grand lodge to refund the amount unless the expenditure was authorized by it.

6. Where, by oversight, the ballot was not spread a second time, but the candidate was declared rejected, although only one black ball appeared, the ballot could not be retaken at a subsequent meeting.

11. Lodge may charge a reasonable fee for certificate of dimit, to be fixed by the by-laws.

A resolution of sympathy was transmitted to Bro. S. W. Douglas, past grand master, absent in attendance upon the funeral of a son; three historians appointed to secure and preserve the early history of masonry in that jurisdiction; amendments to the general regulations adopted requiring notice to be given to lodges having concurrent jurisdiction of all petitions, suspensions, expulsions, or rejections, that no petition shall be received without unanimous consent of the lodge rejecting the applicant until after the lapse of one year, and prohibiting the publication of suspensions and expulsions in a newspaper; the grand master authorized to act in the Washington memorial proposed by the Grand Lodge of Colorado; the Wisconsin plan of relief not concurred in; the right of Pennsylvania to maintain perpetual jurisdiction outside of its own territory denied; and the purchase of the plates of Bro. William Hacker's reprint rescinded, not having been delivered in good condition.

Bro. William Commons submitted his fifth annual report on foreign correspondence. Over three pages are devoted to Minnesota, from which is taken the following paragraphs:

The grand orator, Bro. A. S. Crossfield, delivered the annual oration, for which he received the thanks of the grand lodge, and was

requested to furnish a copy for publication. It is printed in the appendix, and is far better than the average of such efforts. The theme is The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry is. We would like to transcribe it entirely and have it read in every lodge in Indiana.

The committee on deceased brethren presented a loving tribute to the memory of Rt. Rev. Bro. D. B. Knickerbacker, late chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and more recently Episcopal bishop of Indiana and chaplain of our grand lodge. We can assure the craft of Minnesota that the masons and people of Indiana join with them in their estimation and high appreciation of the work of our estimable brother.

M.: W.: Edward O'Rourke, Ft. Wayne, Grand Master;
R.: W.: W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Commons, Union City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1895.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Atoka, Aug. 13th and 14th, M.: W.: John Coyle, Grand Master. Sixty-one lodges represented; sixty-four on the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; two charters arrested and one surrendered. Membership two thousand, five hundred, and sixty-eight; gain two hundred and thirty-two. Receipts \$3,322.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. A brother, who is a fellow craft, lost one joint of the first finger and two joints of the second finger of his right hand. Would this debar him from being made a master mason? No.

2. Can one who is a non-affiliated mason be called to the east to preside? No.

7. Is there no redress for one who has been rejected for affiliation or initiation? No. The ballot is sacred; no one has the right to question it.

8. In the case of a brother who is under charges, has he the right to vote or hold office? Yes. He is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

10. Is shaking dice for cigars and running a barber shop on Sunday a masonic offense? Shaking dice for cigars is certainly a ma-

sonic offense. If running a barber shop on Sunday is contrary to the law, it is also a masonic offense.

18. Has a non-affiliated mason the right to object to a brother being raised to the master's degree? Not unless charges are preferred.

19. Keepers of pool rooms, cider joints, gambling dens, etc., come under the law regarding saloon keepers.

The following was disapproved by the committee on law and usage:

16. When a mason's widow, mother, sister, or daughter marries a man who is not a mason, does she thereby alienate herself from all masonic rights and privileges? Yes; for I think it would be an unjust burden on the masonic fraternity to have charge of the wives and widows of profanes.

The committee correctly held that a mason's widow, not the mother, sister, or daughter of a mason, married to a profane, has no claims upon masonry, but that the others have.

An invasion of their territory by the Grand Lodge of Missouri was reported, the grand secretary being instructed to again call attention to the case, with the intention that if their rights be disregarded at the next annual communication to sever fraternal relations.

The committee on charters and dispensations were instructed to select names others than those of living men for new lodges; cordial greetings were extended to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, masonic information having been given of its organization in that territory; an old man on crutches, a mason for fifty years, craved assistance in procuring a pardon for his son, also a mason, and a committee was appointed to investigate and assist if found worthy; a remission of dues was granted two lodges whose halls had been burned, notwithstanding an unfavorable report from the committee on finance; honorary membership and exemption from grand lodge dues was restricted to those unable by reason of old age, accident, or misfortune to pay lodge dues; the petition of a subordinate lodge for a loan of \$500 was refused; a committee was appointed to have the grand lodge legally incorporated; the mileage reduced to five cents actual travel and a per diem of \$3 provided for; the action of Enterprise Lodge in changing the name of one of its

members from A. F. Goodnight to G. W. Smith was approved, with instructions to administer suitable discipline for his initiation under an assumed cognomen; good night, Bro. Smith; a jewel was voted the junior past grand master; the Wisconsin and Mississippi propositions non-concurred in; the invitation to join in the Washington centennial declined on account of expense.

The report on correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary in spite of illness. Of Minnesota he writes:

M.: W.: C. L. Brown, grand master, has a very fine face. The face seems to find expression in the address. It is excellent.

These decisions we approve most heartily. Also "what I refused to do."

An oration on the Origin of Masonic Principles was delivered by Bro. A. S. Crossfield. It is a very excellent paper.

Bro. Irving Todd has the pen of a ready writer. He gives us a hundred pages this year.

M.: W.: John Coyle, Bailey, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary, were re-elected. The latter is also chairman of the committee on correspondence.

IOWA, 1895.

The fifty-second annual communication was held at Marshalltown, June 4th, 5th, and 6th, M.: W.: L. E. Fellows, Grand Master, whose portrait is given as a frontispiece. Four hundred and twenty-two lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-four on the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty-six thousand, one hundred, and three; gain one thousand and fifty-one. Receipts \$23,328.30.

The grand secretary, after a personal visit, sums up Mexican masonry as follows:

There were many things that we saw much to be commended, others very censurable and cannot meet the approval of American masons, but we are not disposed, at this time, to enter upon the discussion of this subject.

The grand lodge, having declined to print the semi-centennial proceedings of last year and sundry matters of a voluminous character, Bro. Parvin goes to the other extreme and omits the customary tables deemed essential together with some others of less importance, which he classes under the general head of statistics. However, he manages to work in some fifty pages of his own, consequently the current volume is large enough for all practical purposes. In size it could be still further abridged without material loss.

The librarian again reports a lack of room for their rapidly accumulating miscellaneous collection and museum, and again no action was taken. Why not adopt the Utah plan and divide up?

A venerable brother who had just reached his fiftieth anniversary as a mason was formally presented and received with the grand honors

The special committee upon petition of G. W. Bailey (Tank-Kee) for the return of his donation of Chinese books and curios, after an exhaustive examination of the case recommended that the request be granted upon refunding \$775 advanced thereon. This erratic individual consequently not only receives back his gift, but also figures prominently in the list of expelled masons. It is no surprise to notice that Bro. John Scott, past grand master, appeared as his representative during the investigation.

A local entertainment was provided for the first evening, with an appropriate programme. The grand secretary, although not on it, interpolates an interesting comparison with the session held there thirty years previous.

One of the three gavels used in Des Moines Lodge No. 1 at its organization in November, 1840, has been resurrected and presented to the museum.

An appeal for remission of dues from a subordinate lodge which had neglected to provide fire insurance was justly denied under their code. Such lessons usually come high, but they appear necessary all along the line.

Fraternal greetings were wired the Grand Lodge of New York, with a prompt response from Bro. Ehlers; a memorial presented by Bro. John Scott for restoration of an expelled Cerneau mason was laid on the table indefinitely; memorial

pages were ordered for Mrs. Emma M. Parvin, wife of the deputy grand secretary, and Bro. C. W. Eaton, past grand commander; the incoming junior grand warden was instructed to prepare charges against Bro. G. M. Van Leuven, past junior grand warden, then in jail for violation of the pension laws. The case is a familiar one to very many of the brethren in this jurisdiction; an amendment to the code was adopted providing that no relief be granted from the grand charity fund to any subordinate lodge whose annual dues are less than \$2.50.

The third report on fraternal correspondence was prepared by Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, from which the following allusions to Minnesota are taken:

The pleasant features of M. W. C. L. Brown, grand master in 1894 and 1895, greet us upon opening this volume. The portrait is strong and striking, and appropriately offsets the title page.

He is to be commended for honoring the law which he had promised to stand to and abide by, and had not the conceited assurance to imagine that he, the creature of law, was superior to the organic act under which he came into official being.

Referring to sore calamities which had fallen on the craft at Le Roy, when their lodge property was destroyed by a cyclone, he reports granting permission to seek aid towards rebuilding from the brethren of their own jurisdiction, but declined to give authority to circulate their appeal outside the state, as contrary to the policy of the grand lodge. We are glad to know that this is the settled policy; for within a few months we have declined to respond to an appeal from a Minnesota lodge sent to the lodge over which we have the honor to preside, calling attention to the fact that our law required that such appeals should first have the endorsement of the grand master of this jurisdiction before they could be legally circulated or responded to. We assume (and presume) that in this instance the course pursued by the lodge referred to was without the knowledge or approval of their grand master.

Bro. A. S. Crossfield delivered the annual oration on *The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry is*. He is a staunch "defender of the faith" against the heresy of modern origin. He modestly starts with the divine fiat, "Let there be light," and says, "From this commencement we may date the foundation of masonry, not of the order itself, but of its principles," and then declares that in the Garden of Eden God taught Adam "the cardinal doctrines of masonry." We have not words with which to express our admiration for the valorous boldness of this conjecture; nor can we easily see how "the moderns" can

have the heart to quibble over eighteenth century dates when these pre-historic centuries gaze placidly down on them.

In the election of officers we are pleased to note that Bro. J. F. Lawless was advanced to the post of deputy grand master. His visit to our grand lodge session last year, and the courteous grace with which he conveyed the greetings of the grand master and Grand Lodge of Minnesota are pleasantly remembered. He will always be a welcome guest whenever our clans meet.

The report on correspondence is the skilled work of Bro. Irving Todd. He devotes one hundred and two pages to his review of fifty-seven jurisdictions. He quotes generously, writes vigorously, criticises discriminately, and commends kindly. * * * Bro. Todd knows from long experience the amount of labor required in this work; we are appreciative of his commendation.

M. W. G. W. Ball, Iowa City, Grand Master; R. W. T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, re-elected Grand Secretary. Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, committee on fraternal correspondence.

KANSAS, 1895.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held at Topeka, Feb. 20th, 21st, and 22d, M. W. G. W. Clark, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-one lodges represented; three hundred and forty-nine on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges. Four lodges consolidated; two charters restored, one surrendered, and one revoked. Membership eighteen thousand, nine hundred, and fifty-eight; loss three hundred and sixty-one. Receipts \$26,142.80.

The deaths of Bro. Dwight Byington, past deputy grand master, and Bro. Fritz Magers, grand tyler for twenty-eight years, were announced. Their portraits appear in the proceedings.

Twenty-one pages are filled by their very efficient grand secretary with the business details of the year and a resume of his untiring efforts to bring order out of chaos. The office most assuredly presents a very different appearance from that of our visit last year, more especially the library.

Bro. J. H. Atwood, grand orator, is said to have delivered an eloquent address, but it does not appear in the proceedings. Thanks, however, were tendered by a standing vote.

The committee reported the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society in a healthy financial condition, as usual.

The president of the masonic home reported a cash balance of \$10,467.59 on hand, and that the question of location would be determined next month. The ladies of the Eastern Star propose to furnish the building when erected.

The per capita tax was reduced from \$1.50 to fifty cents; the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was recognized and the Gran Dieta of Mexico deferred another year; the Wisconsin proposition was referred to a special committee to report at the next annual communication; the apron worn by the grand master was presented to him upon retiring from office.

The committee on jurisprudence held that an entered apprentice has nothing to do with the membership of the lodge, and cannot object to the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate.

Bro. M. M. Miller presented his second report on correspondence, a very creditable production. From the review of Minnesota we quote:

The election resulted in the advancement of the distinguished representative of Kansas to the position of most worshipful grand master.

The address of Grand Orator J. F. Lawless on Whence Comes Freemasonry? What is it? What is it doing? is a very thoughtful production. His reference to the homes and masonic charities of foreign countries and our own grand jurisdictions make a record of which the fraternity may well be profoundly grateful.

Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on correspondence, makes a report of one hundred and eight pages, Kansas for 1893 receiving fraternal consideration to the extent of two pages. Bro. Todd summarizes very briefly, so that it is difficult to quote from him, but he manages to note everything worthy of mention.

The last twenty-eight pages of the volume are devoted to a record of proceedings of the masonic veteran organization of Minnesota, from its organization, Jan. 13th, 1892, to the close of its annual session in January, 1894. * * * We thank our Minnesota brethren for the interesting record.

Referring to our comments upon their benefit society he adds:

The grand lodge assumes no responsibility further than to appoint from its membership a committee of well-known and reputable persons to examine and report upon the condition of the company. Circumstances make this necessary, and, while we acquiesce for the present, we concur in the general scope of your criticism, and believe a change will be made ere long by which it can be dispensed with.

M.: W.: J. H. McCall, Wichita, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. K. Wilson, Topeka, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro M. M. Miller, Topeka, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1895.

The ninety-sixth annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 15th, 16th, and 17th, M.: W.: H. H. Holeman, Grand Master. Four hundred and seven lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-one on the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership seventeen thousand, three hundred, and ninety-nine; loss one hundred and thirty-nine. Receipts \$8,678.75.

The grand master wore during the session an apron formerly belonging to Maj. William Meredith, a revolutionary officer from Virginia, who brought it to Kentucky nearly one hundred years ago.

The following were among the decisions reported and approved:

2. On the revival of a defunct lodge its jurisdiction is revived, subject to the regulations which provide that the jurisdiction of a lodge extends to a point half way towards the nearest lodge.

3. The dictum of a former grand lecturer has no legal effect as to the esoteric work.

5. The grand master has no authority to take territory from one lodge without its consent and give it to another.

7. A lodge which has had no meeting for four years is practically dormant, and a candidate who lives within the territory of such dormant lodge may apply to the lodge nearest his residence, and such lodge may legally receive his petition.

8. An objection to the presence of a visiting brother can be made only by a member of the lodge who is present.

20. The regulations against begging circulars is subject to no exceptions.

The special committee on centennial celebration reported subscriptions to the amount of \$12,636.75 towards building a home for aged, infirm, and penniless masons, and were continued another year; the matter of erecting a monument to Bro. Hiram Bassett, past grand master, was again referred to a special committee, to report next year; the retailing of spirituous liquors by a master mason was disapproved by a formal resolution, old bourbon not excepted; a committee of five was appointed on Washington memorial; and an offering of \$79.35 collected to purchase grapes for the children at the home.

Bro. W. W. Clarke prepared the report on foreign correspondence, one of his best. Of Minnesota he writes:

We must dissent from the rule laid down by the grand master in regard to impeachment of witnesses in a masonic trial. It is to be remembered that a mason on trial is on trial for his masonic life or liberty, and he should be denied no means of defense. If a witness is unworthy to be believed the lodge should know it, and if that fact is proven it ought not to convict on his uncorroborated testimony.

The report on foreign correspondence is again by the chairman of the committee, Bro. Irving Todd, who fraternally reviews the proceedings of Kentucky for 1894. Bro. Todd is a model reviewer.

Bro. Clarke holds that a master has the right to ask any master mason to confer a degree; that a lodge has the right to waive jurisdiction over its material; that ignorance of the art of writing is not a disqualification for initiation; in which we concur, with the exception of the latter. There must be something lacking in a man in this enlightened age who has not learned to read and write. Furthermore, how can he apply to the lodge for the degrees?

M.: W.: F. C. Gerard, Bowling Green, Grand Master; R.: W.: H. B. Grant, Louisville, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1895.

The eighty-third annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 11th, 12th, and 13th, M.: W.: G. H. Packwood, Grand Master. Seventy-five lodges represented; one hundred and twenty-five on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent by reason of illness.

Six dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, two hundred, and sixty; gain three hundred and ninety-six. Receipts \$19,762.27.

The grand master closes a review of the grand representative system with the following glowing sentence:

Therefore I think the system is a part of comity and fraternal recognition between the masonic grand bodies, and almost essential to the perpetuation of freemasonry as the greatest and most exalted brotherhood among the races of men.

The corner stone of the statue of Henry Clay having been removed in track laying for a street railway, the box deposited therein by the grand lodge Apr. 12th, 1856, was taken in charge by the grand master until such time as it could be redeposited.

An iron fence has been built around the masonic cemetery at an expense of \$1,480, and the temple debt reduced to \$63,200.

The sympathies of the grand lodge were formally extended to Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, past grand master, in his serious bodily affliction.

The usual topical report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Fellows, who evidently found nothing in the Minnesota proceedings worthy of notice.

M.: W.: G. H. Packwood, Clinton, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary, were re-elected. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

MAINE, 1895.

The seventy-sixth annual communication was held at Portland, May 7th, 8th, and 9th, M.: W.: H. H. Burbank, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-eight lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-one on the roll. Ten past grand masters present, our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated. Membership twenty-one thousand, eight hundred, and nine; gain one hundred and eighty-seven. Receipts \$6,444.45.

The portraits are those of Bro. H. H. Burbank and Bro. H. R. Taylor, past grand masters.

The deaths of Bro. Frederick Fox, grand treasurer, and Bro. Albert Moore, past grand master, were announced.

The following were among the decisions reported:

1. It is not permissible for officers of a lodge to wear robes.
2. A lodge has no right to pay out of its treasury the expenses of its annual receptions, the principal feature of which is dancing. Nor is it masonic to advertise masonry in that manner, or any other.
3. Under standing regulations number twenty-three a lodge may vote the use of its hall to a chapter of the Eastern Star, as it may to a lodge of odd fellows, or good templars, or other secret society.
5. An unaffiliated mason cannot be elected an honorary member of a lodge.
6. A lodge cannot take its own candidate to another lodge in another town and do its work in the latter lodge; a district deputy grand master has no authority to grant such permission.

We demur to the second decision. There is nothing which has a tendency to build up a lodge more than an occasional social reunion, even if there is a little dancing, and when the condition of the treasury will permit the expense is a legitimate charge upon the common fund. Like Bro. Hedges, of Montana, we never dance, therefore this may be considered an unbiased opinion.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; a resolution of sympathy was extended to Bro. David Cargill, past grand master, absent by reason of sickness; new clothing was ordered for the grand officers; a brother made in

Toronto before the expiration of five years from his rejection in Maine was accorded masonic recognition.

Their seventy-fifth anniversary was duly observed with an interesting historical address by Bro. E. P. Burnham, reminiscences by Bro. Hiram Chase, and an oration by Bro. J. H. Drummond. They are given a suitable place in the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. J. H. Drummond. We take the following from his review of Minnesota:

The frontispiece is a portrait of the present grand master, C. L. Brown, who is serving his second term. In these "days of progress" it is exceedingly refreshing to read the sound exposition of masonry given in the first paragraph of his address.

The report of the grand secretary shows the usual steady growth characteristic of this jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving Todd. From his brief comments we copy the following:

The right of a past master to open a lodge in the absence of the master and wardens is a constitutional one in Minnesota.

This means that the late Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, one of the most learned masons in the ancient usages of the craft, held that this was one of the old laws of masonry.

In this pamphlet are included the proceedings of the third reunion of the veterans' association, of which we have the honor to be an honorary member. Bro. Montgomery delivered an address of great intrinsic historic value.

M. W. A. B. Farnham, Bangor, Grand Master; R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MANITOBA, 1895.

The twentieth annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 12th and 13th, M. W. Thomas Tweed, Grand Master. Thirty-seven lodges represented; fifty-one on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, three hundred, and thirty-four; gain fifty-five. Receipts \$2,302.30.

The grand master reported the refusal of a dispensation to install lodge officers in public, being at a loss to see how the provisions of their constitution could be properly carried out in the presence of outsiders. However he granted ten to attend divine services, and one to wear regalia at a *conversazione*.

The librarian reported a partial recovery of their great loss by fire, principally by donations, and a grant of \$325 was made to continue the work.

The committee on jurisprudence were of the opinion that there is no power under their constitution for one lodge to confer the degree of an entered apprentice at the request of another, and that the degree can only be conferred by the lodge receiving and acting upon the petition. This is not in accordance with general usage in other jurisdictions.

Thanks were returned to a subordinate lodge for the use of their regalia and to the odd fellows for placing their hall at the disposal of the grand lodge; Bro. D. J. Goggin, past grand master, was presented with a handsome chain collar; telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; the rank of past district deputy grand master was conferred on eight worthy brethren; a number of amendments to the constitution were adopted.

The committee on foreign correspondence found it impossible to prepare a report, owing to the confusion resulting from the fire.

M. W. C. N. Bell, Grand Master; R. W. W. G. Scott re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 1894.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov 20th and 21st, M. W. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. The ninety-four lodges all represented. One past grand master and our representative present.

Membership six thousand, six hundred, and twenty-one; gain two hundred and twenty-five. Receipts \$14,660.89.

The transactions of the semi-annual and annual communications were published together for the sake of economy, an excellent idea. For this or some other reason, both of the addresses of the grand master were omitted, but the names of the members are spread over ninety-four pages, about a quarter of the volume.

The only business of interest at the May session was the election of Bro. A. H. Fetting as deputy grand master in place of Bro. R. K. Martin deceased, the adoption of a standing resolution prohibiting the practice of holding picnics, excursions, and other public entertainments under lodge auspices, and the appointment of Bro. J. M. Carter as committee man for the Washington centennial.

The temple committee reported a total expenditure of \$194,872.50; the committee on foreign correspondence reported adversely upon the Mississippi and Wisconsin propositions; the minority report of the committee on public grand honors was adopted, substituting what is known in this jurisdiction as the funeral grand honors in place of the three by three battery used by us in private ceremonials; Bro. G. L. McCahan, general grand high priest, was accorded an official reception; resolutions of sympathy were tendered Bro. W. H. Shryock, grand treasurer, and Bro. W. H. Nicholson, grand tyler, who were absent by reason of sickness; the veteran association announced its purpose of collecting a masonic museum for exhibition in the temple, and solicited contributions.

Bro. E. T. Schultz submitted his eighth annual report on foreign correspondence. The following paragraphs are taken from the review of Minnesota:

He ruled that a brother under charges may be elected to office, but he should not be installed while charges are pending, especially if the office be that of worshipful master. Technically this may be correct, but we think nothing but a great dearth of material would justify the election of a brother as master against whom charges of unmasonic conduct are pending.

As usual Bro. Irving Todd is the author of the report on correspondence, in which the proceedings of fifty-one grand lodges, Maryland for 1893 among them, are fraternally noticed.

The comments upon the 1894 decision are pertinent. As stated by us last year, under the head of Vermont, the case was only a hypothetical one.

Bro. Schultz still adheres to his opinion that a lodge cannot be lawfully opened in the absence of the master and both wardens, based upon the erroneous rendering of the word congregating in the old regulations as referring to the mere act of calling the lodge to order instead of determining the time and place of meeting. His views, however, are not sustained by any of the early constitutions which have come to our notice, his own grand lodge not excepted.

M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; Bro. E. T. Schultz, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1894.

At the March quarterly an amendment was adopted allowing a member of a lodge to also hold lodge membership in a foreign country where he may reside, and another permitting a lodge to hold communication for the purpose of attending a master mason's funeral at a place other than that named in its charter.

At the September quarterly the deed of a lot in Mount Hope Cemetery was presented by Bro. J. H. Collamore, with a deposit receipt for its perpetual care. A handsome monument was afterwards erected by the generous donor, and dedicated by the grand lodge at a special communication. Amendments were adopted by which a rejected candidate cannot be proposed in any lodge in the state until six months thereafter, and permitting to apply anywhere without recommendation after a residence of seven years outside the state. This modification of their perpetual jurisdiction notions is quite noticeable. Two brothers were expelled for printing and circulating a cipher key of their ritual, after careful investigation by a special committee. They were both past masters, past district deputy grand masters,

and one was grand lecturer at the time the alleged keys were being printed. The committee on ritual was directed to take further steps to render the edition of no masonic value.

The annual communication was held at Boston, Dec. 12th, R. W. E. B. Holmes as Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-six lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-two on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership thirty-four thousand, seven hundred; gain seven hundred and sixty-four. Receipts \$38,115.30.

A resolution of sympathy was voted the absent grand master, who declined re-election on account of ill health; the balance in the grand charity fund was reported at \$91,054.36, the Sigourney fund at \$6,259.17; a resolution was adopted, upon recommendation of the committee on ritual, that any person printing, using, or circulating alleged cipher keys shall be liable to expulsion or other adequate punishment; that part of the constitution relating to the jewels of a subordinate lodge was referred to a committee to report a new draft, with a jewel for the inside sentinel, an officer not generally known in masonry; the death of Bro. H. M. Perkins, their district deputy grand master in China, was announced, it having occurred while engaged in installing the officers of a lodge at Shanghai.

The grand officers were installed at a stated communication held on St. John's Day, and the annual feast celebrated.

M. W. E. B. Holmes, Boston, Grand Master; R. W. S. D. Nickerson, Cambridge, re-elected Recording Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1895.

The fifty-first annual communication was held at Detroit, Jan. 22d, 23d, and 24th, M. W. W. H. Phillips, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy-six lodges represented; three hundred and seventy-eight on the roll. Twenty past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership thirty-six thousand, seven hundred, and thirteen; gain eight hundred and forty-seven. Receipts \$14,025.40.

The death of Bro. H. M. Look, past grand master, was announced.

The grand master decided that a dimit is not sufficient evidence upon which to admit a visiting brother; that sitting with a brother in chapter or commandery is not lawful masonic information sufficient to vouch for him in a blue lodge; that a candidate elected and initiated without his petition lying over one month is an entered apprentice in good standing, he not being responsible for the mistake or fraud of the lodge; that a member of a Michigan lodge living in Massachusetts cannot join a lodge there, dual membership not being recognized in the former jurisdiction; that a master may refuse to receive a petition for initiation which has been rejected several times, it being his bounden duty to prevent dissensions in the lodge; that a petition for initiation does not become the property of the lodge until it is received and referred to a committee; and that the tyler should not be called in to vote at a masonic trial, not having heard the evidence.

The resignation of the grand treasurer was reported with a deficiency of \$6,662.27, secured by a trust deed of real estate.

A number of special dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time, three of them to provide work for the grand lecturer, the fees being remitted. The grand master states that this is the usual custom, but it is a very poor one.

The recommendation of the grand master for an amendment to their by-laws permitting lodges to meet and attend church in a body on Easter Sunday was disapproved by the committee on jurisprudence as not being a masonic occasion; a collection of \$157.39 was taken to pay the mortgage on a deceased brother's home; the Wisconsin and Mississippi propositions were not approved; the grand secretary was instructed to compile a register, with an appropriation covering the cost of the same; the corner stone of the new temple at Detroit was laid with appropriate ceremonies; new aprons were ordered for the grand officers; a handsome jewel was presented to the grand secretary by Bro. G. E. Dowling, past grand master, in a speech fully

equal to the occasion; per diem and mileage were voted to a master taken sick since his arrival and unable to be present; the loss of an eye was declared not a disqualification for initiation; the proffer of the masonic home to the grand lodge was rejected by a vote of six hundred to four hundred and forty-four; a special committee was appointed to present the needs and necessities of the home to the lodges and members of the fraternity; a communication from the notorious C. C. Burt was laid upon the table; a proposed twenty cent increase of the per capita for the benefit of the home was rejected; the grand officers were publicly installed; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

A large proportion of the bulky volume was devoted to the addresses delivered at the semi-centennial celebration and portraits and biographies of the forty-three past grand masters. It is a valuable contribution to masonic literature.

The report on correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary, who devotes two hundred and twenty pages of carefully prepared matter to this subject in addition to his other duties. Bro. Conover undoubtedly earns his salary of \$1,500 per annum.

M.: W.: E. L. Bowring, Grand Rapids, Grand Master;
R.: W.: J. S. Conover, Coldwater, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1895.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held at West Point, Feb. 14th and 15th, M.: W.: J. L. Spinks, Grand Master. Two hundred and four lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-five on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered, one arrested, and one restored. Membership eight thousand, seven hundred, and ninety-five; gain ninety-four. Receipts \$10,553.31.

The death of Bro. R. B. Brannin, grand lecturer, was announced; a beautiful tribute to his memory was paid by a special committee, and their report is given in full in the appendices.

The portraits are of the grand master and the late grand lecturer.

The following decisions were submitted and approved:

1. Can a person who is engaged in the liquor business, either as principal, clerk, agent, or traveling salesman, be initiated or admitted to membership in a lodge in this state? No.

2. Can a man who has lost a portion of one foot be admitted? Yes.

3. Can a person who has lost all the joints of the first two fingers of the right hand be initiated? No.

4. Can a Russian Jew, who is not a naturalized citizen, be admitted? If he has resided in the jurisdiction of the lodge twelve months, yes; if not, no.

Nine dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time upon brothers about to leave the jurisdiction, five to provide material for exemplification, and two to retake ballots when there was but one black ball. A general demurrer should be interposed to the entire business, more especially the latter cases.

The grand master reported the making of a mason at sight, the first instance of the kind in the history of the grand lodge. The candidate was a sea captain and the work done on his vessel.

The regrets of the grand lodge were wired to Bro. J. V. Murry, past grand master, detained at home by illness.

The saloon law of 1892 was re-enacted in the following unequivocal language:

No mason, either as principal, agent, employe, or in any other capacity, shall sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, and the penalty therefor shall be expulsion.

The report on foreign correspondence was the painstaking handiwork of Bro. A. H. Barkley, from which we quote:

Bro. Past Grand Master Irving Todd writes as of yore the reports of his grand lodge. He stands in the forefront as a writer. His selections are made from the choicest viands, and his powers of condensation are unsurpassed.

As stated last year, the compliment is appreciated notwithstanding the error in rank.

A page of Bro. J. F. Lawless' oration is reproduced without comment.

M. W. J. T. Harrison, Columbus, Grand Master; R. W. J. L. Power, Jackson, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1895.

The seventy-fifth annual communication was held at Jefferson City, Oct. 15th, 16th, and 17th, M. W. J. B. Thomas, Grand Master. Two hundred and one lodges represented; five hundred and fifty-nine on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Six dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested and one forfeited. Membership thirty thousand, seven hundred, and twenty-eight; gain six hundred and six. Receipts \$30,296.72.

The grand master decided that a brother, dimitted from a lodge in St. Louis and now living in New Jersey, is not eligible for affiliation with his old lodge, being a non-resident of the state; that the brethren should not hold masonic intercourse with non-affiliates; that an involuntary non-affiliate is not in good standing; that a candidate who refuses to swear may be permitted to affirm.

One of their lodges was ordered to refund money expended by a lodge in Indian Territory for the care of a sick member.

The death of Bro. J. P. Wood, past grand master, was announced.

The grand secretary complains that fifty lodges have not made their returns, with the inevitable confusion in his accounts. Per diem and mileage will work a wondrous cure for the chronic evil.

A practical address entitled Freemasonry in the United States was delivered by Bro. A. L. Ross, grand orator.

The officers of the masonic home report receipts \$26,281.85 and expenditures \$23,910.08 for the fourteen months ending Sept. 30th. Number of inmates, ninety-one.

A per diem of \$2 and two cents mileage was voted to past grand masters, grand officers, and one representative from

each lodge, the latter not to draw in excess of one-fourth of their annual dues; the controversy with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was settled by declaring the brother in question the legitimate material of the latter; a reception was tendered at the governor's mansion the second evening; amendments to the by-laws were adopted eliminating the degree of past master, and restoring a rejected non-affiliate to good standing for twelve months.

Among the memorial pages was one for Bro. F. L. Billon, past deputy grand master, past grand treasurer, and past grand secretary, who died at the advanced age of ninety-four years. He had been a member of Missouri Lodge No. 1 since 1823.

The grand secretary handed in his accustomed able and well written report on foreign correspondence, from which is taken the following concerning Minnesota:

The address of Grand Master Brown was of the usual length and merit. * * * The address throughout shows a clear apprehension of duty, and a conservative view of masonic principles and jurisprudence. The address deserves commendation.

The report of Bro. Montgomery, as grand secretary, is very creditable.

The grand lodge was entertained, during its session, by Bro. A. S. Crossfield, grand orator, who furnished an address of eleven pages, for which he received the thanks of the grand lodge, and the honor of having his address appear in print.

Bro. Irving Todd prepared the report, which covers one hundred and one pages, containing brief reviews of the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges. Bro. Todd, with due brevity, summarizes the transactions of the journals examined by him. In this and in other qualities as a reviewer he succeeds well, and furnishes a very choice feast for his readers. The Missouri journal for 1894 was courteously assigned the benefit of two pages. Our transactions were duly noted and briefly commented upon. His views on all vital questions are conservative and fixed. Personally and fraternally I am very fond of Bro. Todd, and hope to meet him again in this field of labor.

M. W. A. M. Hough, Jefferson City, Grand Master; R. W. J. D. Vincil, St. Louis, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1895.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at Helena, Oct. 9th and 10th, M. W. J. H. Monteath, Grand Master. Thirty-seven lodges represented; thirty-eight on the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership two thousand, four hundred, and ninety-one; gain one hundred and thirty-seven. Receipts \$4,724.80.

A portrait of the grand master is given as a frontispiece.

The death of Bro. R. O. Hickman, past grand master, was announced.

The grand lodge declined fixing any permanent place of meeting; the per capita reduced from \$2 to \$1.50; the lodges forbidden to admit a visitor without due inquiry or examination, or if a valid objection is made by a member; the by-laws amended so that an entered apprentice or fellow craft neglecting to apply for advancement in a year may be stricken from the rolls, and if removed from the lodge jurisdiction may be granted a certificate in the nature of a dimit; it was held that entered apprentices have not the right of visitation, except by courtesy; it was voted, in silence, to dispense with banquets at future sessions; but one ballot for the three degrees will hereafter be required, unless the candidate fails to present himself within three months; the signet ring handed over to the grand master elect; a testimonial ordered for the retiring grand master; closing with a grand reception, banquet, and ball. The record says:

The speeches, by those who heard them, and the viands, by those who tasted them, were pronounced good. Other cares elsewhere engrossed the grand secretary's attention.

We can imagine the long drawn sigh which involuntarily escaped when this paragraph was being ground out by the typewriter.

Bro. Hedges contributes another of his inimitable reports on fraternal correspondence, from which the following is taken under the head of Minnesota:

A good picture of the intelligent and benevolent features of the grand master, by Gutekunst, adds to the attraction of the volume.

The address was brief and business-like. * * * His numerous refusals for interposition with his prerogative powers merit unqualified praise.

Bro. Grand Secretary Montgomery has about completed his registry, and next proposes to make an index to it. With only moderate encouragement he has carried through a work that will entitle him to the gratitude of future generations.

Bro. Crossfield's oration, that appears in the appendix, is fair of its kind, but is not of the more profitable kind.

Bro. Irving Todd does the foreign correspondence in one hundred pages in a style quite the reverse of the grand orator's. * * * In commenting on a Wisconsin decision, Bro. Todd seems to think a member must sign the lodge by-laws to be bound by them. Doesn't his obligation bind him more strongly to obedience? Our brother is a good masonic scholar, a wide reader, and sharp writer.

Minnesota has an association of masonic veterans, with one hundred and fifty active members. It has good times and is making a record.

M.: W.: J. H. Mills, Grand Master; R.: W.: Cornelius Hedges, re-elected Grand Secretary and continued at the head of the correspondence committee; both of Helena.

NEBRASKA, 1895.

The thirty-eighth annual communication was held at Omaha, June 12th and 13th, M.: W.: J. A. Ehrhardt, Grand Master. Two hundred and one lodges represented; two hundred and thirteen on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present, our representative included.

Seven dispensations for new lodges. Membership eleven thousand, seven hundred, and seventy; gain two hundred and eighty-four. Receipts \$15,460.59.

The death of Bro. A. G. Hastings, past grand master, was announced.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

2. That a hall over a saloon is not a proper place for a masonic lodge room.

3. A masonic hall that has been dedicated to freemasonry can be rented to secret orders that are in themselves not unmasonic.

A readable oration was delivered by Bro. B. F. Thomas, grand orator.

The Wisconsin proposition was concurred in, modified to actual expenses without express authority; recognition of Mexico and New Zealand was deferred; a second edition of volume two of their proceedings was ordered; the grand secretary was authorized to begin the compilation of a grand lodge register, using the card system; the committee on jurisprudence held that a member in good standing, with a proper petition filed, is not entitled to a dimit as a matter of right; a new edition of their laws was ordered; telegraphic congratulations were interchanged with Manitoba, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The grand secretary presented his annual review of grand lodge proceedings, doing Minnesota for two years. He thinks he knows a good secretary after an acquaintance of five years, and that Bro. Montgomery is of this class; that a grand lecturer is preferable to our board of custodians; that our report is occasionally illuminated by sparks from an electric pen; that the view presented by Bro. Crossfield's oration deserves a second reading; and that the 1895 report is among our best.

Bro. Bowen has very decided opinions upon most matters pertaining to masonry. He says a grand secretary, also a past grand master, is entitled to the M. : W. : instead of R. : W. :; that a grand lodge needs no temple for three or four days use in a year; that a reviewer speaks of sister grand lodges probably because the apron is the tie that binds; that very few western grand lodges now need masonic homes; concluding abruptly with Utah, having overrun his allotted space.

The proceedings of their veteran association from its organization in 1888 to date are given as an appendix, valuable and interesting matter for future reference.

M. : W. : H. H. Wilson, Lincoln, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. R. Bowen, Omaha, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1895.

The thirty-first annual communication was held at Reno, June 11th and 12th, M.: W.: P. A. Doyle, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges represented; nineteen on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eight hundred and forty-seven; loss sixty-six. Receipts \$1,416.50.

The grand master decided that it was not proper for a lodge to turn out with the odd fellows on Decoration Day; recommended that the grand representative system be dispensed with, and in the interests of economy that the services of the committee on foreign correspondence be dispensed with and the salary of the grand secretary reduced from \$600 to \$300. Did it ever occur to our Nevada brethren to omit the roll of membership, which occupies more than one-third of their modest pamphlet?

The New York controversy was amicably settled by correspondence; the recommendation to dispense with the foreign correspondence report was approved and that relating to grand representatives not agreed to; an assessment of fifty cents per member was levied upon the constituent lodges; a constitutional amendment was adopted requiring the grand secretary to keep his office in a fire proof building; the Mississippi proposition was not concurred in; the committee on jurisprudence held that it was not necessary for a master mason to sign the by-laws on becoming a member of the lodge, but that he could be dealt with for failure or refusal to do so.

The committee on foreign correspondence was allowed \$100, although no report was printed.

M.: W.: J. C. Hazlett, Dayton, Grand Master; R.: W.: C. N. Noteware, Carson City, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. Robert Lewers, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1894.

A special communication was held at St. John, April 27th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. T. N. Robertson, late grand secretary.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at St. John, Aug. 28th and 29th, M.: W.: Thomas Walker, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; thirty-one on the roll. Our representative in the grand east.

One charter surrendered. Membership seventeen hundred and eighty-eight; loss forty-one. Receipts \$2,299.47.

The temple debt was reported at \$10,000, and is to be paid off in annual installments of \$500.

Bro. W. F. McCoy, grand master of Nova Scotia, was among the visitors.

M.: W.: Thomas Walker was re-elected Grand Master, and V.: W.: F. W. Wisdom appointed Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1895.

The semi-annual communication was held at Manchester, Dec. 27th, at which the three degrees were exemplified and jewels presented to the grand treasurer and secretary.

The one hundred and sixth annual communication was held at Concord, May 15th, M.: W.: C. C. Hayes, Grand Master. Fifty-seven lodges represented; seventy-eight on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eight thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-eight; gain ninety-four. Receipts \$2,837.54.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

3. That it is not illegal or irregular for a past master, at the request of the master, to preside at a funeral and conduct the service, in the absence of the master and both wardens.

4. That a lodge in this jurisdiction can receive the application of a brother for membership, even if he does live without the jurisdiction of the lodge.

5. A lodge can receive an application for membership, even if the applicant has been rejected for membership by some other lodge, the lodge rejecting having no jurisdiction over the rejected applicant.

6. That in this grand jurisdiction it is not necessary for a visiting brother to show a diploma before he can be admitted as a visitor to a lodge.

Permission was given any lodge to allow chapters of the Eastern Star to meet in its hall, if deemed for the best good of masonry; no action was taken upon the Washington memorial observances; a lengthy report of the committee on jurisprudence was adopted, recognizing the several bodies of the York rite and the supreme council, northern jurisdiction, of the Scottish rite as lawful, regular, and masonic; it was held that an entered apprentice could not be advanced, after a lapse of years, without investigation by a committee.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. A. S. Wait, in his usual exhaustive manner. The following paragraph is taken from the review of Minnesota:

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving Todd, who ably reviews the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges, including ours for 1894, and the comments upon our transactions are fraternal and kind, as is also the reference to our humble work of that year.

M. : W. : C. C. Hayes, Manchester, Grand Master, and R. : W. : G. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1895.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 23d and 24th, M. : W. : J. H. Durand, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-nine lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-two on the roll. Six past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership fifteen thousand, two hundred, and forty-five; gain three hundred and seven. Receipts \$9,724.02.

A number of distinguished visitors were present from New York and Pennsylvania.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The Wisconsin and Mississippi propositions were not concurred in; the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized; an appropriation of \$500 was made for a monument to Bro. Henry Vehslage, past grand master; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

The vacancy in the committee on foreign correspondence was creditably filled by Bro. H. S. Haines, grand instructor, who says of Minnesota:

Regarding the third decision the thought is natural that the selection of a brother under charges as a suitable person for the office of master is so improbable that the question eliciting such an answer must have been purely hypothetical. Surely no lodge deserves to retain its warrant that would look among such material for the "headstone of the corner."

The report of the grand secretary is an orderly, concise, business-like paper, as is also that of the grand treasurer, who, unlike the prophets, is not without credit even in his own land.

An oration delivered by Bro. Lawless, grand orator, is no less worthy because pressed out of place in the order of exercises and lodged in the appendix. It contains many statements that have been made before relative to the origin and progress of freemasonry, and, whether really true or not, are none the less credible because so often told. Even if these theories are all illusion, the address amply repays perusal.

Bro. Irving Todd has rendered his usual good service in furnishing a report on foreign correspondence marked with considerate and careful judgment. Although not quite reconciled to some of the practices authorized by the New Jersey law, he gives us a courteous notice devoid of harsh criticism.

M.: W.: Charles Belcher, Newark, Grand Master; R.: W.: T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. B. Edwards, Jersey City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1894.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Albuquerque, Oct. 1st and 2d, M.: W.: C. H. Sporleder, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; eighteen on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership eight hundred and forty-two; gain eighty-eight. Receipts \$859.

The portraits are of Bro. C. N. Blackwell and Bro. W. S. Harroun, past grand masters.

The grand master decided that a lodge must continue with present officers while working under dispensation; that it was no violation of masonic law to have a charter framed and hung in the lodge room; that a regular meeting opened by the master half an hour before the time named in the by-laws was lawful, it being within his discretion if so desired. This is not good law, Bro. Frost.

The grand secretary was authorized to issue a duplicate dimit to a non-affiliate of eleven years' standing, who stated that he was a member of a royal arch chapter, and that his wife was desirous of joining the order of Eastern Star. It is certainly to be hoped that such a valuable acquisition was not rejected by the latter institution.

A committee was appointed to revise the by-laws, and the home for consumptives at Santa Fe was commended to the craft universal.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Max Frost, Minnesota apparently not received. Why didn't you write for a copy?

M.: W.: J. J. Kelly, Silver City, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max Frost, Santa Fe, committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW YORK, 1895.

The one hundred and fourteenth annual communication was held at New York, June 4th, 5th, and 6th, M.: W.: John Hodge, Grand Master. Seven hundred and twenty-six lodges represented; seven hundred and thirty-four on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter forfeited. Membership eighty-eight thousand, five hundred, and seventy-three; gain two thousand, three hundred, and fifty-nine. Receipts \$69,981.45.

The portraits are of the grand master and grand tyler.

The death of Bro. John Hoole, grand tyler for the past twenty-five years, Bro. Robert Macoy, past deputy grand master, and Bro. J. J. Gorman, past grand treasurer, were announced.

Of the grand representative system the grand master says:

Measured by the standard of authority it can be claimed that the system is of doubtful utility, because the representative is simply the guarantor of friendship of the grand lodge appointing him. Without power, without authority, he nevertheless is the visible evidence of the friendship entertained by the grand lodge he represents for the grand lodge by which he is accredited. I am in full accord with the sentiment that underlies the system.

The reports of the masonic home show one hundred and fifteen inmates, and an expenditure of \$35,415.39. Owing to lack of room the east wing and dining room are to be enlarged and an infirmary erected, at an estimated cost of \$57,500.

The report of the librarian shows the usual additions, mostly donations; the publication of their catalogue is awaited with interest.

Two of the cases reported by the board of relief were from Minnesota; the amount donated \$25.25. Among the receipts were \$25 from the Grand Consistory of Minnesota. More than one-half of their applications and expenditures were in behalf of foreigners.

The grand master was re-elected by acclamation, but declined the honor. All the grand officers, with the exception of the junior grand warden, were elected in a similar manner.

The revised constitution was presented and adopted, so far as it is possible at one session of the grand lodge; the amendments of last year, providing that the grand secretary's office may be closed on legal holidays, and that a proxy to the grand lodge must be a past master, were adopted; greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Iowa; the grand secretary was authorized to furnish the lodges with blank dimitts, and past master's certificates to those entitled to them, free of charge; the matter of a suitable testimonial to Bro. C. T. McClenachan, historian, was referred to the grand master elect, with power to act; an appropriation of \$100 was made to a granddaughter of Gov. De Witt Clinton; Bro. G. H. Raymond, grand lecturer for twenty-nine years, was placed on the retired list, with a salary of \$1,500; the Grand Lodge of Norway was recognized, and action upon the applications of the Supreme Council of France and the Grand Orient of Italy deferred; in the case of a lodge whose master and wardens had removed from the jurisdiction it was recommended that the grand master delegate his authority to any past master in order that meetings and work may be continued.

Bro. J. B. Anthony submitted his seventh annual report on foreign correspondence, with reviews of foreign grand bodies by Bro. Charles Sackreuter. From the fraternal notice of Minnesota are taken the following:

The oration by W. A. S. Crossfield on *The Origin of Masonic Principles, the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is*, seems rather symbolical in its historical portion.

W. Irving Todd gives an interesting report on correspondence, embracing the proceedings of fifty-seven grand bodies, including New York for 1894.

Under the head of California he says:

We do not favorably regard the general principle of reimbursement as a part of masonry. We believe in the fulfillment of all bounden obligations, whether as an individual mason or as a lodge—the complete discharge of a known and assumed liability—and we

have confidence to believe that there are very few exceptions to the full exercise of the duty of a lodge toward its own members or to a lodge which fraternally acts for them. We fail to apprehend the necessity of the enactment of any general regulations of this nature between the several grand bodies. All claims of this character—especially of a subject of difference—should be susceptible of amicable adjustment. We should be decidedly opposed to any grand lodge assuming the position of a guarantee company.

Under Illinois he manfully defends the action of their committee on jurisprudence in recommending recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico. We neither concur in their action nor discredit their motives. There is one statement, however, to which we demur. The facts clearly indicate that women have not only been made master masons in Mexico, but have been elected and installed as masters of lodges and admitted to seats in the grand lodge, Bro. Anthony to the contrary notwithstanding.

He is of the opinion that a visiting brother has a right to request, not demand, an examination of the lodge charter; that a lodge rejecting a candidate without jurisdiction does not thereby attain jurisdiction over the discarded material; that the reversal by the grand lodge of the decision of a subordinate lodge restores the brother to membership; that lodge officers should not be installed on Sunday; that masons under the obedience of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario are clandestine; that a large proportion of traveling masons in distress are impostors and frauds; all of which is sensible doctrine.

M.: W.: John Stewart, Grand Master; R.: W.: E. M. L. Ehlers re-elected Grand Secretary; both of New York; Bro. J. B. Anthony, Utica, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1895.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 8th, 9th, and 10th, M.: W.: J. W. Cotten, Grand Master. One hundred and ninety-nine lodges represented; two hundred and eighty-nine on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; three charters surrendered. Membership eight thousand, five hundred, and seventy-three, with sixty-two lodges not reporting. Receipts \$4,839.02.

The deaths of Bro. E. G. Reade and Bro. John McCormick, past grand masters, were announced.

The following decisions were reported:

1. That the penal jurisdiction of a lodge was equal to and corresponded with its territorial jurisdiction, and that a lodge had a right to arraign and try any mason living in its jurisdiction.

2. That a mason who dimitts from his own lodge, moves into the jurisdiction of another lodge, petitions for membership, is rejected, cannot apply for membership in any other lodge without the consent of the lodge which rejected him so long as he lives in that jurisdiction.

Here's perpetual jurisdiction for you with a vengeance.

The officers of the orphan asylum report one hundred and ninety-two inmates, and an expenditure of \$20,891.28 for the year. Among the donations reported was a lot in Minneapolis opposite the Milwaukee depot, from Mr. J. A. Bradley, of Oakland, Cal., since deceased. Mr. B. N. Duke, of Durham, offered to give \$5,000 for a new building provided \$5,000 more was contributed, and a subscription of over \$4,000 was secured on the spot.

An address was delivered in the hall of the house of representatives the second evening by Bro. Walter Clark, grand orator; the grand secretary declined a re-election on account of ill health, and a name other than Bain appears in that office for the first time since 1844, it having been consecutively held by grandfather, father, and son; the proposition to incorporate the orphan asylum was tabled; a number of propositions were submitted for action next

year; a jewel was presented the retiring grand master; and the names of the lodge members ordered printed in full, a very poor substitute for the foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: F. M. Moye, Wilson, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. C. Drewry, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1895.

The sixth annual communication was held at Fargo, June 18th and 19th, M.: W.: G. L. McGregor, Grand Master. Forty-one lodges represented; forty-four on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership two thousand, three hundred, and twelve; gain one hundred and forty. Receipts \$2,434.50.

The portraits are of the grand master and the grand secretary.

The card system of registration was adopted for both grand and subordinate lodges; the grand representative system was continued as having a tendency to promote the interests of masonry; a fraternal accident insurance company was roundly scored for refusal to pay a just claim; a love feast was held by the grand representatives present; the new ritual was adopted, based upon that of Minnesota.

An article upon Masonic Homes, by the grand secretary, is given as an appendix, illustrated with cuts of several of the most prominent of these institutions.

The grand secretary also contributes his second report on correspondence, with a characteristic write-up of his neighbors, from which the following paragraphs are extracted:

M.: W.: C. L. Brown smiles upon us as we turn the pages of the proceedings of that grand lodge, that is he smiles upon us from a half-tone which adorns the report.

The annual address is creditable, and details in a felicitous manner the doings and not-doings of the grand master.

The grand secretary's report, while not long, is of interest to his contemporaries. He is laboring with a grand lodge register, and would have had it completed had the secretaries co-operated with

him in sending names of those who were and had been members of various lodges of that jurisdiction.

We note that Bro. C. J. McMahon is chairman of the committee on appeals and grievances. Bro. McMahon is an old North Dakota boy, formerly of Occidental Lodge, who recently cast his lot among the citizens and brethren of Minnesota. We are pleased to note his preferment, and compliment the grand master upon his discernment in recognizing so able a person.

Bro. A. S. Crossfield delivered an oration upon *The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of Masonic Society and What Masonry Is*. The oration is of some length, well written and interesting. * * * Well truly, we have antiquity enough here and cover an area which ought to satisfy any reasonable man. No doubt it will not be long before some one with clairvoyant sight will ascertain that masonry originated before the earth was formed, and that masonic lodges were held during a pre-mundane period.

Bro. Irving Todd is the Perseus whose flaming pen traces burning words upon the shimmering paper. It is useless to say the sun is bright, or the moon in its fullness is beautiful, because the fact is too obvious. Thus it is unnecessary for us to tell our readers what Bro. Todd has brought forth; it is too obvious. * * * We should like to quote many of the good things Bro. Todd has said, but time and space forbid it at the present moment. We can only say for Bro. Todd that the mantle of the lamented Bro. Pierson has fallen on good shoulders.

Bro. Thompson is unable to see any reason to prevent a mason from belonging to as many lodges as he desires, provided he pays dues in all of them. Aye, there's the rub; we've tried it in Minnesota to our sorrow.

M.: W.: W. H. Best, Grand Master; R.: W.: F. J. Thompson re-elected Grand Secretary and continued as committee on foreign correspondence; both of Fargo.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1895.

The thirtieth annual communication was held at Sydney, June 12th and 13th, M.: W.: W. F. MacCoy, Grand Master. Thirty-eight lodges represented; sixty-three on the roll. One past grand master present; our representative absent.

Membership three thousand, two hundred, and sixty-seven; gain forty-four. Receipts \$4,756.98.

The first order of business was attending divine service, an eloquent sermon being delivered by Bro. Donald Mc-Millan, acting grand chaplain.

The Mississippi proposition was not accepted; the charity fair medal of 1893 was adopted as a masonic jewel; a traveling certificate similar to that of Massachusetts was adopted, to be issued by the grand secretary at a price of \$1; a new past grand master's jewel was provided for; new regalia for the grand officers was recommended; greetings with Colorado were exchanged by telegraph; and four brethren were accorded the rank of past district deputy grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was the dual effort of Bro. T. B. Flint and Bro. C. E. Willetts, Minnesota falling into the capable hands of the latter. We quote:

An excellent oration on The Origin of Masonic Principles was delivered by W. Bro. A. S. Crossfield. We should like to quote it in extenso, but it covers eleven closely printed pages, and therefore its length compels us to omit it. It is deserving of careful reading by any who can obtain the volume of the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence, in which the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia receives due notice, was submitted by Bro. Irving Todd, its chairman.

Under the head of North Dakota Bro. Flint says:

Our genial correspondent is something of a humorist and poet, as well as masonic jurist. His amusing epitaph upon Bro. Irving Todd, of Minnesota, who still lives to enjoy it, is quite quotable.
* * * We hope our genial brother will not often break out in this way, as the spirit of retaliation might produce some awful samples of mortuary literature.

M. W. W. F. MacCoy, Grand Master, and R. W. William Ross, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; both of Halifax. Bro. T. B. Flint, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1895.

The eighty-sixth annual communication was held at Springfield, Oct. 23d and 24th, M.: W.: C. F. Clapp, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-five lodges represented; four hundred and ninety-three on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative in the northeast.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two charters arrested. Membership thirty-nine thousand, nine hundred, and six; gain ten hundred and fifty-five. Receipts \$20,-364.42.

The portrait is that of the retiring grand master.

The death of Bro. Charles Brown, grand treasurer for the past fifteen years, was announced, the vacancy having been filled by the appointment of Bro. R. R. Rickly, our representative.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. That all appeals for aid purporting to emanate from lodges, either within or without this grand jurisdiction, should not be acted upon unless said appeals bear the indorsement of the grand master of this grand jurisdiction.

5. That applicants for initiation or for advancement must each have a separate ballot; a ballot taken upon more than one applicant at the same time would be illegal and void.

6. That all members should vote, and in order to constitute a legal ballot there must be at least eight votes cast.

8. That the by-law of any lodge providing for the exemption of part of its members from the payment of annual dues is not binding as a contract, and may be changed, by amendment, as provided by the code.

15. That a lodge has a right to remit past dues of its members for good and sufficient reasons, but cannot remit future or anticipated dues.

A begging circular from one of the lodges in this jurisdiction was reported to our grand master, who promptly ordered it recalled.

The correspondence with the Grand Master of Tennessee relative to the resumption of fraternal relations was reported and approved. Ohio can afford to be generous as well as just.

A jewel was presented to Bro. Harvey Vinal, the senior past grand high priest, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

The new masonic home was dedicated in ample form, with an appropriate address by Bro. O. P. Sperra, grand orator. This large and commodious building was erected at a cost of \$106,000, a lasting monument to the liberality of the craft in that jurisdiction.

The grand master was re-elected but declined, being in favor of a one year term; a gavel from a lodge at Jerusalem was accepted with the usual acknowledgments; a lodge under dispensation at Toledo reported the conferring of one hundred and sixty-nine degrees in less than a year, breaking the record; the masters of lodges were ordered to require every newly obligated master mason to perfect himself in the lecture, certifying to the fact upon the back of the annual returns; an expelled Cerneau mason was restored to good standing; the revised code was adopted and ordered printed; the necessary expenses of the district lecturers ordered paid by the grand lodge in future; jewels were ordered for those of the past grand masters who have not received them, at a cost of \$100 each; a donation of \$1,000 to the home was announced from a Cincinnati lodge on its fiftieth anniversary; twenty-five of the new jewels were ordered for the district lecturers; the minimum dues in subordinate lodges were fixed at \$2; and an appropriation of \$10,000 was made to the home.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham contributed his usual well written report on foreign correspondence. From the review of Minnesota the following paragraphs are reproduced:

The annual address of the grand master, whose portrait adorns the proceedings, is an interesting masonic paper, in which he briefly recites his official acts.

On the second day of the session an interesting address was delivered by the grand orator, R. W. Bro. A. S. Crossfield.

R. W. Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee, submitted an able report on foreign correspondence, in which the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges are concisely and courteously reviewed, Ohio for 1893 and 1894 among the number.

M.: W.: W. B. Melish, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Bromwell re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Cincinnati; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1895.

The third annual communication was held at Kingfisher, Feb. 12th and 13th, M.: W.: Selwyn Douglas, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; nineteen on the roll.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership eight hundred and three; gain one hundred and fifty-eight. Receipts \$906.75.

The committee on law and usage held that none but masters, affiliated past masters, and wardens could confer degrees in that jurisdiction.

The murder of Bro. E. H. Townsend, grand lecturer, was announced.

The grand master properly decided that the tyler could not sit inside after the lodge is opened; the office of custodians was abolished, the duties being transferred to the grand lecturer; a committee on credentials was provided for, and the grand secretary relieved of that portion of his burdens; eligibility to an elective office in the grand lodge was restricted to past masters in actual attendance; a practical address was delivered by Bro. W. R. Brown, grand orator; legislation was proposed making all non-affiliates members of the lodge where they reside in a sort of job lot, the propriety of which is seriously questioned; the past grand masters were made ex-officio members of the committee on law and usage; the salary of the grand lecturer was fixed at \$3 per day and expenses; a committee was appointed on revision of the constitution and another to test the proficiency of the grand lecturer; and a standard monitor was ordered for each subordinate lodge.

His second report on foreign correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary, courteously reviewing Minnesota for two years. He says:

The grand secretary, R.: W.: Thomas Montgomery, made an exceptionally interesting report, which contains some excellent pointers for new beginners like the writer hereof.

The journal is a very handsome volume of two hundred pages, gotten up in the best of shape, and not the least of its adornments is the steel engraving of Grand Master C. L. Brown, which confronts one at the very opening.

Under the head of *Some Things I Have Refused* the grand master shows himself to be a careful, conservative, and painstaking official, in whose judgment and official accumen the grand lodge did well to confide.

The address of Bro. A. S. Crossfield we have read with much interest. Some of it may be rather far fetched, but in the main we believe it to be a correct conclusion as to the origin of the order of masonry.

The report on correspondence of one hundred pages is prepared by Bro. Irving Todd. He reviews fifty-six grand lodges, and to our inexperience the report seems a model. Clean, concise, fearless, and at the same time fraternal. The single page that he devotes to Oklahoma is as good as twenty, and covers the entire proceedings of the annual communication at Guthrie.

Our report of the organization of their grand lodge was substantially correct, as we understand it. When the ten lodges of Oklahoma voted to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory Bro. Bennett's authority ended. The usual course would have been to elect a president from their own number to preside over the convention. We have no desire to be captious in the matter, Bro. Hunt, but facts are facts the world over.

M.: W.: C. A. Newman, El Reno, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Hunt, Stillwater, re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1895.

The forty-fifth annual communication was held at Portland, June 12th, 13th, and 14th, M.: W.: P. S. Malcolm, Grand Master. Eighty-nine lodges represented; ninety-nine on the roll. Ten past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership four thousand, eight hundred, and three; gain one hundred and eight. Receipts \$5,314.10.

Portraits of three of their past grand masters are given in the current volume.

The death of Bro. S. F. Chadwick, grand secretary and past grand master, was announced. He had been chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence since 1867, and was recognized as one of the ablest of the guild. Their great loss is mourned throughout the entire masonic world.

The grand master decided that a dimit should be granted a member of the Roman Catholic Church who desired to withdraw from the fraternity; that a brother could not be compelled to serve as warden against his will; that a master could not compel the attendance of his members, or to show cause for non-attendance, which was properly overruled by the jurisprudence committee; that fees for the degrees must be paid from the candidate's own funds; that a re-elected master must be installed; that a brother, not a member of the lodge, cannot vote upon an application for affiliation; that a past master from a jurisdiction not requiring the past master's degree must receive it prior to installation as master; that a member has no right to object to and exclude the members of a visiting lodge by the wholesale.

The grand master reported that he had passed and raised an entered apprentice who had lost his right arm by accident since initiation. The committee on jurisprudence dissented, holding that the strict letter of the law must be complied with in future, regardless of the fact that the candidate was already a mason, and had attained certain rights of which he should not be deprived by misfortune. We agree with the decision most emphatically.

A committee of past grand masters was appointed to visit Bro. T. L. Wallace, junior grand warden, then ill, and another to attend a past grand master sick at home; a new constitution was adopted; greetings exchanged with Nebraska; compensation to members defined as actual traveling expenses, including meals and berths; a resident of their jurisdiction who received the degrees while upon a visit in England was authorized to be healed; legislation permitting clergymen to receive the degrees without fee

and exempting them from lodge dues was very properly not adopted; a committee was appointed to suggest steps for utilizing the educational fund; a past master's certificate was authorized to be issued to all in the jurisdiction entitled to it; a \$10 claim for relief against a Washington lodge was placed in the grand secretary's hands for collection; an able address was delivered by Bro. J. B. Cleland, grand orator; the grand master was authorized to appoint a librarian; a grand lecturer was again employed, at a monthly salary of \$100, and the cipher work was consigned to the rubbish; and a committee on masonic relief appointed to report a suitable plan next year.

The vacancy in the committee on foreign correspondence was very acceptably filled by Bro. Robert Clow, past grand master, who writes a good report. We quote:

The first thing which attracts attention on opening this volume is a handsome prototype picture of Grand Master C. L. Brown.

This grand lodge is first opened in the master mason's degree, and the roll of lodges called. If a majority are represented the grand lodge is opened in ample form. Though Bro. Drummond, of Maine, an authority on such matters, objects to the practice, we confess we rather like it.

He issued a special dispensation to a lodge to confer the third degree upon more than five candidates at one and the same communication. We don't like the railroading process.

We quote numbers four, five, and six, and commend them to the careful consideration of all the lodges in Oregon.

Bro. A. S. Crossfield delivered a very instructive address on The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, reviewing in a clear, concise manner the proceedings of fifty-seven American grand lodges; Oregon for 1894 of the number.

Bro. Clow says we cleverly evade a query on the perpetual jurisdiction innovation by referring to a decision of our jurisprudence committee, and that the disapproval by Washington of their grand representative's course was gratuitous, as his commission expired by limitation in 1890 and had not been renewed. Be this as it may, the name is reported upon the rolls of both grand lodges up to the time that Washington discontinued the system.

M.: W.: M. D. Clifford, Prairie City, Grand Master; M.: W.: J. F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Secretary; Bro. Robert Clow, Junction City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1894.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R.: W.: Michael Arnold, Grand Master. Fifty-nine lodges represented; four hundred and fourteen on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Two new lodges constituted and two re-organized. Membership forty-seven thousand, three hundred, and ninety-five; gain fourteen hundred and fifty-nine. Receipts \$136,488.65.

The portraits are of Bro. William Allen, their first grand master, and Bro. D. C. Skerrett, past grand master in 1863-4.

The grand master reported that he had prohibited the use of side or back doors in a lodge room, also requiring bolts on both sides of the outer door so that no one can enter or retire without the concurrence of the tyler on the outside and the pursuivant on the inside; that he had decided that a lodge cannot compel the payment of dues by life members after having once exempted them by contract fully carried out on both sides. He is strongly opposed to the use of masonic halls by chapters of the Eastern Star, to public installations of officers, to the exclusion of persons from the fraternity on account of their business, to charity on the compulsory plan, to the celebration of the death of George Washington, and any attempt to change their exclusiveness as a society; Pennsylvania all over.

The new grand master recommended a continuation of their grand lodge reprint, that no more lodges be constituted to work in a foreign language, and that lodges be induced to preserve and bind the grand lodge proceedings instead of destroying them.

An increase of \$65,050.84 was reported in the sinking fund, and a jewel was presented the retiring grand master.

The thirtieth annual report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. Richard Vaux, long our honored representative near that grand lodge. Of Minnesota he writes:

We much regret to observe that the committee on jurisprudence differed with the grand master on the physical disability decision. The reasons given in their report is sentiment, not law, as we read them.

R. W. R. H. Gove, chairman of the committee on grievances and appeals, made reports in two cases, both for reinstatement in their lodges. In these cases the reports are very concise, as they ought to be, and dismiss both applications for substantial reasons.

Reverting to the report on the grand master's address on the two cases of physical disability, we might ask, with profound respect, nevertheless, what is the law in Minnesota on physical disability? The grand master decides one way and the committee on jurisprudence another. What is law? That must be determined, not by a grand lodge constitution, for that cannot change the consensus of masonic opinion as to a landmark. A landmark is unalterable by all the grand lodges united. But pray excuse our ignorance in asking, therefore, what is the law in Minnesota? Can a dismembered man be initiated in that jurisdiction? If not, what is the anatomical percentage of dismemberment? If a finger, why not his fingers? And if two, why not five? And if all the fingers, why not embrace the arm. When a principle is compromised, the end is not yet of its influence on the weakening of established regulations.

R. W. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on correspondence, presented his annual report. He has made a most interesting review of the proceedings of the grand lodges and reports of their chairmen of committees on correspondence. His quotations are apt, his criticisms wise and fraternal. We are gratified at some of them for their incisiveness. He fully comprehends the duties of his position and performs them in the true masonic spirit. He trenches on no subject that is outside of his appropriate sphere as a reporter, and the reading of his paper is a sincere pleasure.

There is a wholesome and healthy masonic atmosphere in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Its sessions show a deliberate expression of masonic views, and we congratulate Grand Master Dickinson on his prudence and judgment in the administration of his office. The grand lodge is fortunate, and the craft in all jurisdictions should be satisfied that error will not find a foothold in Minnesota.

Bro. Vaux's comments upon our physical disability legislation are extremely pertinent. It would be an excellent

idea to expunge the entire batch from the regulations. The constitutional requirement is plain enough had we lived up to it.

This is the last of a remarkable series of papers emanating from the pen of a ready writer; his death occurred a few weeks after its publication. He was perhaps the strongest craftsman in that jurisdiction, a gentleman of the old school, dignified and courteous, a zealous partisan of his own grand lodge, and an unerring foe to innovations in the body of masonry. We shall never look upon his like again. As we are revising these pages for the printer we re-read the entire report, and put away the volume with unspeakable regret.

M.: W.: M. H. Henderson, Grand Master; R.: W.: Michael Nisbit re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1895.

The twentieth annual communication was held at Summerside, June 24th, M.: W.: T. A. McLean, Grand Master. Eleven lodges represented; twelve on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Membership five hundred and nine; gain twelve. Receipts \$263.50.

The address starts out by saying:

We are fortunate in the fact that death has not entered our grand lodge, though from our custom of changing annually in the past, we have a larger list of past grand officers than have many of our older jurisdictions.

The present incumbent is the seventh grand master, Bro. John Yeo, the first, having held the office fourteen consecutive years.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized; an apron, collar, and gauntlet ordered for the grand lecturer; and \$150 appropriated to the grand secretary as salary and office rent.

M.: W.: Roderick McNeill, Stanley Bridge, Grand Master; R.: W.: Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1895.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 30th and 31st, M.: W.: J. P. Noyes, Grand Master. Fifty-seven lodges represented; fifty-eight on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative in the grand east.

One lodge restored. Membership three thousand, four hundred, and thirty-two; gain one hundred and fourteen. Receipts \$2,501.

Upon the subject of rituals the grand master says:

Men with ample leisure or abnormal intellects—of whom the craft in this jurisdiction has but few—contend for the mouth to ear system and kindergarten methods, but the average business man prefers what is called cold type, and no satisfactory middle course has been suggested.

Such a statement is unanswerable. We confess our inability to do it justice.

An interesting discourse was delivered by Bro. R. O. Hewton, grand chaplain; the Wisconsin and Mississippi propositions were not adopted; the past grand master's regalia formerly belonging to Bro. T. D. Harrington, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was presented and accepted with thanks; the grand master was re-elected, but declined owing to public duties; an office for the grand secretary and room for the library were secured in the new temple at \$500 per year; a collection of \$58.04 was taken up for the relief of an isolated subordinate lodge; recognition of the Grand Lodge of Spain was withdrawn, owing to the establishment of a spurious lodge under its authority in that jurisdiction; no further action was suggested in the controversy with

the Grand Lodge of England; the charter of a lodge was suspended for contumacy, but afterwards restored; and a special committee was appointed to revise the constitution.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, chairman of the committee. Of Minnesota he says:

Bro. Irving Todd presented an interesting report on foreign correspondence of one hundred and eight pages, in which Quebec's 1893 proceedings have courteous notice.

There is also in the volume before us the text of an admirable oration upon the origin and purposes of freemasonry, by W.: Bro. J. F. Lawless.

W.: M.: Frederic Massey, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Isaacson re-elected Grand Secretary; both of Montreal; Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign relations and correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1894.

The semi-annual communication was held at Providence, Nov. 20th, M.: W.: E. H. Rhodes, Grand Master. Twenty-eight lodges represented; thirty-six on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was recognized; the report of the special committee on work was adopted and the committee continued; no action was taken on the Washington memorial; the degrees were conferred by three subordinate lodges; and a pocket monitor was ordered printed.

The one hundred and fourth annual communication was held at Providence, May 21st, M.: W.: E. H. Rhodes, Grand Master. Thirty-three lodges represented; thirty-six on the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership four thousand, five hundred, and fifty-seven; gain eighty-eight. Receipts \$2,514.90.

The salary of the grand secretary was increased to \$600; recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico was not granted; an appropriation of \$200 was made towards the reprint of

their proceedings; and the final report of the committee on work was adopted.

M.: W.: E. H. Rhodes, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; both of Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1894.

The one hundred and eighteenth annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 11th and 12th, M.: W.: S. P. Dendy, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-nine lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-two on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Two charters revived, one surrendered, and one restored. Membership five thousand, seven hundred, and ninety-seven; loss two hundred and ninety-eight. Receipts \$7,474.96.

The deaths of Bros. J. B. Kershaw, past grand master, and Bro. W. A. Wilson, grand tyler since 1869, were announced.

Among the approved decisions was the following:

That a warden acting as worshipful master pro tem, in the absence of the worshipful master, is still a warden, and is so acting simply in the discharge of one of the duties of his office as warden, and he is therefore amenable to his lodge as warden and not to the grand lodge as worshipful master, and would therefore be tried in the lodge of which he is a member and warden for any masonic offense committed while presiding by virtue of his office as warden in the absence of the worshipful master of his lodge.

The following legislation was adopted:

Resolved, That in case any controversy or matter of difference of any character whatsoever should arise between this grand lodge and any other grand lodge having a representative near this grand lodge, that the grand secretary at once notify the representative of such grand lodge, and lay before him all papers relating to such difference or controversy.

Under the head of lodges of sorrow is found the following interesting reminiscence:

R.: W.: Bro. Charles Inglesby gave an account of a lodge of sorrow held Feb. 28th, 1866, by Orange Lodge No. 14, in memory of seven of their members who had yielded up their lives in defense of their country in the war just then ended. Bro. Inglesby had the honor of being the orator of the occasion, and related that, Charleston being then garrisoned by federal troops, some of the federal officers, who were masons, rendered every assistance in their power, and their swords were tendered and used in the ceremonies in honor of the deceased heroes of the lost cause.

A jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

A well digested report on foreign correspondence was handed down by the grand secretary. Of Minnesota Bro. Inglesby says:

As an appendix to the proceedings we have a splendid oration delivered before grand lodge by W.: Bro. J. F. Lawless.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. Irving Todd, and is a good review of the various grand lodges, including South Carolina.

M.: W.: C. E. Sawyer, Aiken, Grand Master; R.: W.: Charles Inglesby, Charleston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1895.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Pierre, June 11th and 12th, M.: W.: W. C. Allen, Grand Master. Sixty-nine lodges represented; eighty-nine on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative included.

Five dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, two hundred, and fifty-four; gain one hundred and eighty. Receipts \$2,967.09.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. T. H. Brown, their first grand master.

The following were among the approved decisions:

2. A master mason may present his dimit to any lodge within this jurisdiction, and, if elected, become a member thereof.

3. An entered apprentice in good standing has a right to visit a lodge open in that degree.

7. A dimit does not outlaw in this jurisdiction.

12. A lodge cannot suspend the operation of a by-law. The by-laws of particular lodges having been approved by the grand lodge or grand master, amendments or repeals must have the approval of the same authority.

A committeeman was appointed upon the Washington memorial; the grand representatives present were tendered an official reception; five per cent of the gross receipts were set aside for the grand charity fund; Bro. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, was elected to honorary membership; a committee was appointed to wait upon the grand chapter and commandery with a view of consolidating their libraries; greetings were exchanged with Nevada and Nebraska; a decision of the grand master awarding mileage to a proxy of the master to the exclusion of a warden was overruled by the committee on jurisprudence, and clinched by a resolution; the affiliation fee was abolished; and an appropriation of \$150 for the expenses of the grand lecturer was made, his per diem to be paid by the lodges.

The report on correspondence was again presented by Bro. William Blatt. It is an able effort, although greatly disfigured by those horrid wood cuts for headings. Plain type is much better. We quote from a three inch block purporting to stand for Minnesota:

We are pleased to see the energy displayed by the grand lodge in its laudable desire for uniformity. There was a time when the Minnesota work came very near becoming the work of our own grand lodge. Had that work been as well promulgated and known then as it probably soon will be in that jurisdiction, the effort would probably have succeeded.

M.: W.: Bro. Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence. It is a brief but carefully prepared review of the proceedings of fifty-seven grand lodges, South Dakota, of course, receiving a full share of kindly notice.

M.: W.: F. H. Files, Sioux Falls, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1895.

The eighty-first annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 30th, 31st, and Feb. 1st, M.: W.: H. A. Chambers, Grand Master. Four hundred and one lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-four on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges. Membership seventeen thousand, nine hundred, and thirty-one; gain one hundred and five. Receipts \$16,726.70.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

The fifty-six decisions are of local interest only.

An appropriation of \$3,500 was made to the home, in addition to pledges of \$3,002.75 from lodges and individuals; eloquent memorials of Bro. G. C. Connor and Bro. John Frizzell, past grand masters, were presented; the edict relating to masonic burials was amended to include erecting or unveiling monuments to deceased brethren; the name of Big Bottom Lodge was changed to Hickory Valley.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: G. H. Morgan, Cookeville, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. B. Garrett, Nashville, Grand Secretary; Bro. F. M. Smith, Knoxville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

TEXAS, 1894.

The fifty-ninth annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 4th, 5th, and 6th, M.: W.: B. F. Frymier, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-four lodges represented; five hundred and seventy-seven on the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested and two surrendered. Membership twenty-seven thousand, three hundred, and thirty-six; gain two thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-four. Receipts \$18,428.75.

The death of Bro. P. C. Tucker, past grand master and our representative, was announced.

The decisions were of local interest only.

The committee on revision of laws were given another year to report; one of the committees on grievances and appeals declined to consider a case in which the accused had since died, and the status of one who dies during the pendency of an appeal was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, to report next year; the directors of the widows' and orphans' home reported funds to the amount of \$78,267.04, and their recommendation that steps be taken to locate the same was adopted; the Wisconsin proposition was not approved and that of Mississippi laid over; the signet ring was turned over by the retiring grand master, who received the usual jewel; and \$100 was appropriated for a stenographer to assist the grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. T. M. Matthews as usual, a well considered document. Minnesota is fraternally reviewed, from which we quote:

We believe that, if in all other respects worthy, it would be just to the unfortunate entered apprentice to teach him the two remaining degrees. We do not see exactly how they could be properly conferred upon him.

R.: W.: Bro. Thomas Montgomery, grand secretary, makes an excellent report. He has succeeded in having the grand lodge proceedings printed for \$1.98 per page, which we remark, *en passant*, is nearly \$1 less per page than the Grand Lodge of Texas has been paying for like work, and less than is paid anywhere else, so far as we know. He apologizes that, in order to get this reduced rate, the type had to be changed, but we can see no necessity for an apology, since, in every respect, the little volume will compare favorably with that of most, if not all, the other jurisdictions.

A very readable and instructive oration was delivered by the grand orator R.: W.: Bro. J. F. Lawless, before the grand lodge, which is published in the proceedings. The subject, *Whence Comes Freemasonry? What is it? What is it Doing?* is well and quite satisfactorily handled.

Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, is again the author of the report. In it he briefly reviews the proceedings of fifty-five grand lodges, using, in doing so, one hundred and eight pages. Texas, 1892, is of the number, and is courteously dealt with. For the very nice notice accorded this correspondent many thanks.

If Bro. Matthews will turn to the first page of our proceedings he will find the number of lodges represented all figured out. We don't like to count while writing any more than he does, but sometimes have to do it.

Three pages upon Masonry in Mexico were contributed as an addendum by Bro. G. W. Tyler, the author of the Treaty of Monterey, but no new facts are presented and we are as much in the dark as ever.

M. : W. : Gus Garrison, Sulphur Springs, Grand Master; R. : W. : John Watson, Houston, Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1895.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held at Ogden, Jan. 15th and 16th, M. : W. : A. S. Chapman, Grand Master. The eight lodges were represented. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership six hundred and seventy-seven; gain nine. Receipts \$1,406.

The frontispiece is a group of the grand officers and chairmen of committees.

The deaths of Bro. A. B. Emery, past grand master, and Bro. R. L. Scannell, deputy grand master, were announced.

Of the Wisconsin proposition the grand master says:

The measure is one that will make the reimbursement system a strict rule; its general adoption might prove of financial advantage to this jurisdiction, owing to the fact that Utah is a stopping place on the highway of the world; yet I am not in favor of it. The original plan of masonic charity does not harmonize with the system; upon the very threshold of our temple the candidate is taught to relieve a brother in distress, and no good mason ought to expect reimbursement when he performs an act of charity. He simply does his duty as a mason.

The following decisions were approved:

1. Can a member vouch for a visitor with whom he has sat in a chapter, but not in a lodge? He cannot.

2. Is the master of a lodge warranted in declaring the result of a favorable ballot, when a member is present and not voting, and who has not been unanimously excused by the lodge? He is not, whether the ballot is favorable or unfavorable.

A third decision, that the junior warden prosecutes a masonic trial notwithstanding his election as senior warden after the charges were preferred, was overruled by the committee on jurisprudence. The ancient charges hardly apply in this case.

The report of the board of relief at Salt Lake City shows a loan of \$60 to a member of a Minnesota lodge, which was duly repaid.

A formal reception was accorded the grand representatives; a committee was appointed to revise the ritual, and another on the Washington memorial; the Mississippi proposition was not approved; the Wisconsin proposition was answered by the re-publication of their memorial of 1883, in which reimbursement for charity is not claimed as a right; the grand secretary was congratulated upon the convenient arrangement of their library; the per diem and mileage was restored; a committee was appointed to present a plan for the celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary in 1897; consideration of the revised code was postponed until next year, with \$150 appropriated to the grand secretary as compensation for preparing it; the signet ring was transmitted to the grand master elect; and a banquet and reception given by the local lodge was duly enjoyed.

His twentieth report on correspondence was presented by the grand secretary, from which we quote the following:

Four decisions are reported, two of which were not concurred in by the jurisprudence committee. Agreeing with the committee, we reproduce its opinion for those of our Utah brethren who think more of an old tradition than of justice and charity.

The grand secretary's report shows that he is a first-class general. He has one hundred and ninety-eight lieutenants, and all except four had forwarded to headquarters their annual returns. But what is still better and proves more his generalship is that all except thirteen saluted as correctly as ever a Prussian army did. Bro. Montgomery has been hard at work to get up a complete grand lodge

registry. In this Utah is ahead of Minnesota. We opened one with the organization of our grand lodge. It is a valuable book. We can't see how any grand secretary can get along without one.

W.: Bro. J. F. Lawless, grand orator, delivered an eloquent address, his theme being Whence Comes Freemasonry? What is it? What is it Doing? His answer to the first question runs parallel with our opinion, but it will not suit our Bro. Stevenson, of Idaho. No orator, be he ever so eloquent, even if he had the tongue of a Demosthenes, could answer the last question better than Bro. Lawless did in these few words: "If all the brethren were zealous and loyal what glorious results would be accomplished by the fraternity."

Our friend and brother Irving Todd comes again to the front with a report on correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of fifty-five grand bodies, devoting thereto one hundred and nine pages. We met him last year in Chicago, and spent some very pleasant hours in his company. We shall ever remember him, but he must never again pass by beautiful Zion and not pay us a visit. Utah for 1894 was on his table, receiving kind and fraternal attention. The joke we wrote on the preachers last year under the head of Canada he says "is too good to keep," and he copies it entire. But now, Bro. Todd, it's getting late, and so in the language of the Tennessee farmer, "I'm wid yer."

There seems to be a general impression that Minnesota is starting a grand lodge register for the first time, which is entirely erroneous. We have always had one, and it cost us a great many dollars, but this is upon a new plan, by lodges. It is considered by our grand secretary a great improvement, and certainly has been the means of correcting numerous errors in the registry of several of our largest lodges. Every member now carried upon the rolls must be accounted for.

M.: W.: A. C. Emerson, Ogden, Grand Master; R.: W.: Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1895.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held at Burlington, June 12th and 13th, M.: W.: J. H. Whipple, Grand Master. Ninety-two lodges represented; one hundred on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership nine thousand, five hundred, and twenty-one; gain fifty-five. Receipts \$3,623.92.

The portrait is of the retiring grand master.

The following were among the approved decisions:

4. A registered letter addressed to a brother, containing charges and citation, would not constitute a personal delivery as required by our regulations.

5. A lodge may receive and act upon the application of a petitioner for the degrees if he has lived in the state one full year, although he may have resided within the jurisdiction of said lodge but a few weeks, provided his removal is genuine, and is to be permanent, and the constitutional requirements are fulfilled.

Under the head of grand representatives the address says:

For myself, while I recognize the fact that grand representatives are often only ornamental, I believe they stand, if only on paper, to testify to the fraternal spirit which obtains among the grand jurisdictions and the catholicity of our order.

It was resolved to begin the erection of the new temple, at a cost of \$50,000, and an annual assessment of thirty cents was levied upon each member for that purpose; the centennial medals were placed on sale at \$1 each; progress was reported on the grand lodge register; the report of the committee on ritual of past master's degree was adopted and ordered printed in secret form; the Kentucky opinion upon masonic relief was concurred in instead of the Wisconsin proposition; the committee on grievances reported in favor of securing legislation protecting the masonic badge from being worn by those not entitled to the same; greetings were exchanged with Nebraska; and a jewel was voted the retiring grand master.

Bro. M. C. Perkins presented the annual report on foreign correspondence, devoting three pages to Minnesota. We quote the following paragraphs:

A portrait of the grand master, M. W. C. L. Brown, faces the title page of a handsomely printed volume.

The grand master's address is a well written paper, in which official acts are tersely recited, and the condition and advancement of the craft are clearly portrayed.

The grand secretary submits his sixth annual report, an interesting paper showing that his official duties had been more exacting than in any previous year.

During the next year each custodian will hold at least six schools of instruction within his district, and hopes are entertained that the "frills and furbelows" of the independent ritualist may soon be a thing of the past.

An eloquent address on *The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of the Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is* was delivered by the grand orator, W. Bro. A. S. Crossfield, and is published in the appendix. We would like to present some of the many gems with which the address abounds, but must forego the pleasure, for time and space forbid, to say nothing of the cries of the printer for copy.

W. Bro. Irving Todd again submits the report on correspondence, a carefully condensed review of the transactions of fifty-seven grand lodges, including Vermont for 1894.

Under the head of Indian Territory he says of the Vermont ritual:

It is the simon-pure Preston-Webb-Barney work of the fathers transmitted to the children by the venerable and faithful Willson, and through his successors of the present generation, and we believe "beats the world."

It certainly ought to with such a pedigree.

His remarks upon the so-called past master's degree coincide with our views precisely. The indispensable ceremony of passing the chair should not be confounded with a degree, either of lodge or chapter.

M. Bro. W. Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Grand Master; R. Bro. W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. M. O. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1894.

The one hundred and seventeenth annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 4th, 5th, and 6th, M. Bro. Mann Page, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty lodges

represented; two hundred and fifty-nine on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Nine dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated. Membership twelve thousand, four hundred, and seventy-nine; gain four hundred and seventy-nine. Receipts \$6,010.75.

For the first time in fifty-one years R. : W. : W. B. Isaacs was absent from his post in the south-east by reason of illness. The death of this distinguished craftsman has since been reported.

The death of Bro. F. H. Hill, past grand master, was announced.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. That a candidate with one perfect eye is physically qualified to be made a mason.
4. That a candidate who has lost a portion of his thumb, but who can literally conform to all the requirements, without artificial aid or friendly assistance, is eligible.

Resolutions were adopted forbidding criticism of lodge officers in the newspapers; that the suspension of a brother for non-payment of dues by one lodge suspends him from membership in all of his lodges; that his reinstatement does not restore him to membership in any other lodge; that a record be kept of all dual membership, and notice of suspension be given; levying a per capita tax of seventy-five cents per member, no lodge to pay less than \$10; and conferring the right to vote and hold office on all honorary members. Quite a number of propositions were deferred until another year.

A report of the centennial celebration of Marshall Lodge No. 39 is given in the appendix. Its old Bible containing interesting masonic memoranda is still preserved, one of the notes being the attendance of the lodge at the funeral of George Washington.

The fourth annual report of the masonic home takes the place of a report on correspondence. They have twelve inmates, at a cost of about \$183 per capita. It is greatly regretted that Bro. A. G. Babcock, its founder, did not live to see the new building completed.

M.: W.: J. P. Fitzgerald, Farmville, Grand Master;
R.: W.: W. B. Isaacs, Richmond, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1895.

The thirty-eighth annual communication was held at Olympia, June 11th, 12th, and 13th, M.: W.: J. M. Taylor, Grand Master. Ninety-one lodges represented; ninety-two on the roll. Nine past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, nine hundred, and fifty-nine; gain ninety-eight. Receipts \$6,017.15.

The portrait is that of the retiring grand master.

Forty decisions were reported, of local interest only.

A very readable and interesting address on Some Phases of Freemasonry was delivered by Bro. W. H. Upton, grand orator.

The New Mexico home for consumptives was rather forcibly sat down upon; the grand lodge was located permanently at Seattle and the library at Olympia, a little too far apart for convenience; the Washington memorial proposition was laid over until next year; the by-laws amended so that an acquitted brother will not be called upon to pay any part of the expenses at his trial; the committee on jurisprudence, in commenting upon one of the decisions requiring seven for a quorum, recommended that the lectures be changed accordingly, and their views were adopted; the appropriations to the grand lecturer and for library rooms were left out owing to the hard times; the granting of dispensations to confer degrees out of time to candidates about to leave the jurisdiction was discontinued; no action was taken on the Mississippi proposition owing to its unfavorable reception by a majority of the grand lodges; the committee of custodians was continued, with the understanding that no expense be entailed; the actual and not the legal residence of a candidate was declared his masonic residence in applying for the degrees;

and a committee was appointed to compile an annotated digest of their laws, somewhat of an unctuous undertaking.

A new hand has been drafted upon the report on masonic correspondence, Bro. W. H. Upton, and it is a very readable and enjoyable paper. The following quotations are made from a quite lengthy notice of Minnesota:

The volume issued by this grand lodge is the first of the 1895 proceedings to come to hand, and arrives ahead of the proceedings of nine of our domestic grand lodges which met in the preceding year.

The address of Grand Master C. L. Brown is evidently the work of a thoughtful and painstaking officer. In contrast with the excuses of "illness," "pressure of other duties," "inexperience," etc., put forth by many grand masters, we like the ring of the following:

I may, and doubtless have, erred during the year, but whatever I have done has been done deliberately and after due reflection, and the errors, whatever they may be, are due to a defective or poor judgment, rather than to carelessness or inattention.

Bro. Brown made two most commendable refusals. If all grand masters would take the first of these as a precedent we think they would less frequently exceed their jurisdiction, and four-fifths of their so-called decisions—often mere dicta or opinions upon questions not officially before them—would not be rendered.

The interesting report of Grand Secretary Montgomery induces us to depart from our plan of relegating all statistics to the tables at the end of our report.

Grand Orator A. S. Crossfield delivered a long, carefully prepared, and interesting oration on the origin and nature of masonry. We say interesting advisedly, although he draws his facts from a school of writers with whom we have no sympathy whatsoever, taking both the Jewish legends, and the temple allegory which veils our mysteries, as literal history. Occasionally, we think, he out-Herods Herod.

The correspondence report of one hundred and one pages, by Bro. Irving Todd, is, as usual, an intelligent review with few and brief comments. While we find ourselves agreeing with his views as a rule, we occasionally detect in his writings the influence of that modern and local sect, American masonry, in which what we may style dogmatic rather than historical masonry is taught.

Bro. Todd devotes two and a half kindly pages to Washington for 1894; but makes us smile by reading a lecture about "the innovations that are becoming so prevalent in grand lodges and among correspondence writers"—to whom, think you?—to Thomas Milburne Reed, of all men.

Bound up with the proceedings of the grand lodge are those of the Masonic Veteran Association, which we mention to call attention to a paper upon the early history of masonry in Minnesota, read by Grand Secretary Montgomery, which is by all odds the most valuable thing in the volume. We regret that it is not within our province to review it.

With all due regard for the long and useful services of Bro. Reed, for whom we have the most sincere respect, we don't consider his corns more sacred than some of the others occasionally making their appearance in the jostling crowd.

He invites Bro. Robbins, of Illinois, to join in the promotion of an addition to masonic nomenclature by designating as latomist a mason who has received one or more of the so-called higher degrees, and as latonism the system itself as distinguished from the masonry of the three degrees. The argument is quite ingenious, but too lengthy for reproduction.

A topical index concludes this able report, an innovation to which no reviewer is likely to take exception.

M.: W.: W. W. Witherspoon, Spokane, Grand Master;
R.: W.: T. M. Reed, Olympia, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1894.

The thirtieth annual communication was held at Wheeling, Nov. 13th and 14th, M.: W.: A. M. Evans, Grand Master. Ninety-eight lodges represented; one hundred on the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, one hundred, and eighty; gain one hundred and seventy-seven. Receipts \$4,010.75.

The portraits are of Bro. G. W. Feidt, grand master elect, Bro. W. S. Summers, past grand lecturer, and Bro. W. J. Bates, their first grand master, with brief biographies.

The solitary decision reported was that a candidate with only one good eye is eligible to the mysteries of freemasonry.

The correspondence with the grand masters of Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, relative to several of our grand lodges writing out the esoteric work, are given in the address. The first declined to interfere with the sovereign right of each jurisdiction to control its own affairs, the next two favored the protest, and the fourth turned the letter over to his successor. We are heartily in sympathy with the movement, believing the innovation a most dangerous and reprehensible one, but the remedy is not so apparent. As an illustration of its results note the following quotation from a private letter by a colored past grand master of Ohio, dated March, 1895, taken from the Washington report on correspondence:

We work all the rituals of the [white] grand lodges, grand chapters, and grand commanderies of the United States. The revised rituals [the printed secret work] of the [white] Grand Lodge of Ohio were in our hands before they were received by many of their own lodges; the revised ritual of the General Grand Chapter, as revised and promulgated at Denver, has been in our chapters for over eighteen months. We have, also, the entire new rituals of the templar orders, which, as you know, only went into operation in January, 1894.

The matter is commended to the careful consideration of the craft wherever dispersed. Is it not about time to call a halt?

The new installation ritual was found on trial to be good work, square work, and was adopted; a loan of \$100 was made to the daughter of a deceased master mason for educational purposes; the salary of the grand secretary was raised from \$300 to \$500 per year; an enjoyable banquet was tendered by the local lodges; the petition of a lodge to elect a brother as master who had never served as warden was denied; recognition was extended to New South Wales, New Zealand, Oklahoma, and South Australia; and several amendments to the constitution were adopted for final action next year.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary. From his review of Minnesota for 1894 we take the following:

This writer agrees with the opinion of the committee. Still it is stretching the blanket pretty tightly as to No. 1; but the second ruling is clearly wrong.

Grand Secretary Thomas Montgomery made a very interesting report.

The committee on work also stated that several members of the grand lodge knew the ritual thoroughly and can teach it correctly. Their services will doubtless be called for. A grand lodge of the high standing of Minnesota certainly ought to require an established work to be taught in all of its subordinate lodges. It appears to us that a grand lecturer, with about a dozen deputies, thoroughly posted, would be a cheaper and better system than the one suggested by the committee. This is our plan in West Virginia, which has proven successful after thirty years' trial, and is comparatively inexpensive to the grand lodge. Our principal outlay is in the payment of the actual traveling expenses of the grand lecturer and his deputies, who visit the grand lodge each year to compare notes and keep the work exact. Nearly every lodge in our jurisdiction has learned every part of the work thoroughly, and we can truthfully say that every one of our one hundred and four subordinate lodges teach the same ritual in every respect, even to the dotting of an i or the crossing of a t, and not a single West Virginia mason has a cipher or a key of any kind.

Grand Orator J. F. Lawless delivered an able oration before the grand lodge. We copy a portion of it because of its classic and historic merits.

W.: Bro. Irving Todd is, as usual, the author of a well prepared report on foreign correspondence, West Virginia for 1893 being among the number of grand lodges reviewed. He copies one page of our review of his grand lodge, and then comes back at us in his good natured western style, which makes us feel a little sorry that we tackled him in our report. We quote one of the clever swipes that he gives us. * * * We aren't going to reply to that. But we kick against his suggestion to set our reprint matter in brevier. Remember, brother, everybody is not young as you are. We are for big, clean type—long primer leaded. It's fat, you see.

We are well aware of that fact, and so are very likely the printing bills. Aside from this item, the typographical appearance of their proceedings would be vastly improved by an adherence to the old rules.

For the benefit of all concerned it may be stated that Minnesota has a standard work, adopted in 1869, and that the present board of custodians has no authority to teach any other. It is not in cipher either, the use of which in this jurisdiction has been declared a masonic offense.

From his review of the recent masonic congress we quote the following paragraph:

We notice that Archbishop Ireland has recently decided that the members of the Romish Church in his diocese may connect themselves with any and all secret societies except freemasonry. We heartily commend this step. It is liberal, wise, and judicious. It is not our purpose to open a controversy with any member of that religious organization, because freemasonry is excluded from the list of co-operative societies with which its members may connect themselves, nor is it our purpose to criticise Bishop Ireland. The fact is, we regard him as one of the best and greatest men of our time. Neither do we intend to offer any defense of freemasonry. It needs none at our hands. It speaks for itself. All we ask is that its opponents shall ascertain its true character before they condemn it.

M.: W.: G. W. Feidt, Martinsburg, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1895.

The fifty-first annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 11th, 12th, and 13th, M.: W.: H. W. Sawyer, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-four lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-two on the roll. Nine past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen thousand and one; gain four hundred and ninety-six. Receipts \$15,326.01.

Twenty-four decisions were reported, several being modified by the committee on jurisprudence. He held that a member excluded for non-payment of dues is reinstated upon payment without action of the lodge; that a brother

may retire during a ballot, and if he returns before it is closed may be permitted to vote; that a lodge constituted without having received its charter, and another which conferred three degrees without that document are all right, the work being valid; that a lodge cannot hold a public installation jointly with a chapter of the Eastern Star; that an honorary member has the right to vote; that a nickel in the slot machine, when used as a gambling device, should not be conducted by a mason; that the master of a lodge cannot be excluded for non-payment of dues; and that a petition for affiliation can be received and acted upon by any lodge, regardless of residence. Wisconsin is exceedingly liberal in legislation, except in cases of relief.

We were taught quite a number of years ago that one of the essentials of a lodge was a charter or warrant empowering it to work, and we are just old foggy enough to insist upon its actual presence. Of course if a new lodge had never received one it could not be produced, neither could a marriage ceremony be performed in the absence of the bride. The matter is respectfully referred to Bro. Schultz, of Maryland, for distribution and reference.

The grand secretary reported contributions of \$559 for a lodge that had been burned out. Charity begins at home, does it not?

The committee on masonic relief regretted that they were able to report an acceptance of their proposition by only two grand lodges, one of which was conditional. They recommended the following agreement to become binding when ratified in other jurisdictions, which was unanimously adopted and the committee continued:

It is the duty of each lodge to take care of its own members in distress wherever they may be. In case of its inability so to do, this duty devolves upon the grand lodge from which it holds its charter. It being understood that in no case is the lodge furnishing relief and asking reimbursement to go beyond actual present necessity without express authority from the reimbursing body.

The indulgence of our neighbors is craved for not reproducing the above in italics; that is beyond the power of

the machines which are placing this report in type. We will only add that after the able report of our committee on masonic jurisprudence, presented and adopted last year, we do not feel called upon to discuss the question at any great length. The craft in Minnesota will continue as in the past to respond to any and every worthy appeal for charity, regardless of lodge membership.

The corner stone of a building to be erected by a local commandery was laid in due form during a heavy rain storm; the proposed action refusing lodge halls to the Eastern Star was laid over until next year; the ballot for affiliation modified to a two-thirds vote; the landmark as to physical qualification construed as applying only to the making of masons, not advancement; a jewel was presented to Bro. W. C. Swain, past grand master; charters were granted to two new lodges in Milwaukee; and the grand lodge of Illinois taken to task for two cases of relief specifically mentioned.

Bro. Duncan McGregor submitted another of his concise and well considered reports on foreign correspondence, his last we fear for the present. Of Minnesota he says:

The grand master's address is one of the best we have read, and we, therefore, venture to present the following extracts.

Among the dispensations was one granting permission to a lodge to confer the third degree upon more than five candidates at one and the same communication. We do not recollect of having known of any such request before.

An eloquent, instructive address was delivered by the grand orator on The Origin of Masonic Principles; the Foundation of Masonic Society, and What Masonry Is.

Bro. Irving Todd reported on foreign correspondence, in a document of one hundred and one pages. We cheerfully correct our error made last year, and credit Bro. Todd with having then written five reports instead of two, as we stated. This, his sixth, is fully up to the standard of his best, and that is good enough.

M. : W. : W. W. Perry, Madison, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. W. Lallin, Milwaukee, re-elected Grand Secretary; Bro. Gabriel Bouck, Oshkosh, committee on foreign correspondence.

WYOMING, 1895.

The twenty-first annual communication was held at Rock Springs, Sept. 10th, M.: W.: J. T. Holliday, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; sixteen on the roll. One past grand master present.

Membership nine hundred and seventy-six; gain sixty. Receipts \$1,259.

Portraits of four past grand masters are given, in order to catch up to date.

The grand master held that a resident of their jurisdiction who received the degrees and a dimit in Scotland is a non-affiliate, and can petition for membership at any time.

The request of Montana for waiver of jurisdiction over the Yellowstone Park was declined; eligibility to office was confined to members of the grand lodge, and to that of grand master, deputy grand master, and wardens to past masters of their own lodges; the Wisconsin relief proposition was adopted; an amendment forbidding the opening of a lodge by a past master in the absence of the master and wardens was lost by a vote of nine to twenty-four; actual traveling fare was voted the grand officers and one representative from each lodge at the next annual communication; and a banquet was accepted from the local lodge.

The accustomed report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary, who evidently could write a much longer one in less time. The following is taken from under the head of Minnesota:

In both cases, no doubt, masons were found who gave it out that the grand master had the power to do any and everything. It is a pleasure to know this grand master knew better, and that few nowadays claim they are above the law. Have not run across one of the latter for several years. This is as it should be, and may it forever continue.

A fine report on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd. We are pleased with his style of condensing and commending. * * * We thank our brother for his several quotations from our reports, which we have endeavored to repay in kind.

M.: W.: Fenimore Chatterton, Rawlins, Grand Master;
R.: W.: W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,
IRVING TODD,
For the Committee.

Hastings, Dec. 27th, 1895.

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The fifth annual reunion and banquet will be held in Masonic Temple, St. Paul, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, 1897.

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FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14, 1896.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota was held this Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, 1896, at 8 p. m., at Masonic Hall, in St. Paul, Minn., ample notice of which meeting having been mailed to every member.

Present: Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf, President; Bro. Benj. F. Farmer, First Vice President; Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer; Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary; Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom, Marshal, and a goodly number of brethren.

The President announced, that, as stated in the notices to the members, no business except the election of members would be transacted at this session, and the election of officers and the general business of the association would be deferred till the session on Wednesday evening, January 15th, after which would follow the annual reunion and feast.

Applications for membership were received from thirteen brethren, who were all duly elected. (See List of Members, Nos. 158 to 171 inclusive.)

Honorary members Henry R. Denny and Thos. J. Lombard were transferred from the honorary to the active list.

The receipts of the evening were seventy-five dollars.

Adjourned.

G. W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 15, 1896.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota met in the "Blue Room" at Masonic Hall, in St. Paul, on Wednesday evening, January 15th, at eight o'clock.

Present: Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf, President; Bro. Benj. F. Farmer, First Vice President; Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer; Bro. Giles W. Merrill, Secretary; Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom, Marshal; George H. Davis, Chaplain, and a large number of brethren.

The President called the meeting to order, and the Secretary read the minutes of the several meetings of the Board of Directors which had been held during the year 1895, viz., on January 26th, January 29th, March 30th, August 3d, October 19th, and December 28th, for the election of members and the payment of bills presented, as ordered by the association. The other minutes, not heretofore printed, were presented.

All were approved.

Applications for membership from seventeen brethren were received and they were duly elected. (See List of Members, Nos. 172 to 188 inclusive.)

The President then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Venerable Brethren:

The fourth annual reunion and feast of our association find us in the full tide of prosperity and growth. The Treasurer will assure us of a satisfactory financial condition, and the Secretary will show that in membership we are steadily increasing.

The Veteran movement throughout the country is continually gaining in strength. In Minnesota, as in other states, the time is surely approaching when to become a member of a Veteran Association will be regarded as the crowning honor of a Blue Lodge Mason. This opinion has been greatly strengthened through observations made during a recent visit in the East.

On the 27th of June, 1895, I attended the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Connecticut Masonic Veteran Association at New Hartford, Conn. At every station and junction between New Haven and the place of assembly, the cars were invaded by crowds of old men, displaying the badge of their association. The local lodge at New Hartford was opened on the third degree, and then in grand procession, two by two, these old sons of Hiram were ushered into the lodge, "and moved 'with the sun' around the altar to the strains of a march played by the organist. Having completed the triple circumambulation, all faced the East," while they were fraternally welcomed by the Worshipful Master. This formality accomplished,

the Venerable Master of the association assumed the chair, and the regular business of the body was transacted behind tiled doors. Never in my life have I been seated in a more venerable assemblage. Of those present, the oldest had reached the age of eighty-six, and four others were over eighty, nineteen were upwards of seventy, fifty had passed sixty, and of the rest, all had gone beyond the half-century mark. In due season, I was called upon to apologize for my youth, and to confess I was by five years the youngest veteran present. In masonic age, again I stood at the foot of the list, with only a paltry twenty-five years to my credit, while one of their members had been a Master Mason twice that period and ten additional years. Just as the veterans of Grant and Sherman, of Lee and Stonewall Jackson, travel across half a continent to grasp each other by the hand and fight again their battles, so came these veterans of the Mystic Tie from the remotest corners of old Connecticut to meet once more in brotherly concourse before the span of life was ended. With most of them, perhaps with all, official aspiration and personal ambition were forever left behind. They had but one thought, and that the exemplification of the power of Masonry in molding men of varied interests into a complete brotherhood, and teaching their younger brethren the joys of perfect fraternal intercourse.

Two evenings later, at the solicitation and in the company of Ven. Bro. Daniel Sickels, I went to the regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Masonic Veterans. The temperature was high, the street lamps were dim, the rain was pouring, and the mud was deep. Under these circumstances, I expected to find an attendance of perhaps a score of the faithful, who are always the supporters of a masonic body. Imagine my surprise, on being ushered into a room filled to overflowing by nearly three hundred of the liveliest, jolliest, most enthusiastic Masons it has ever been my good fortune to meet. I will not attempt to describe at length the extremely interesting order of exercises. One feature, however, struck me as particularly happy. Reports were called from and made by district committees, covering the entire city, in regard to the sick, or those in any way distressed among the large membership of the association. But that meeting as a whole I shall never forget. It was worth a trip of thirteen hundred miles to be present. I have attended no end of masonic gatherings of every kind and every degree, but over that one the spirit of genuine Masonry and brotherhood was brooding, felt but unseen, indefinable but no less real.

This association has done more to bind the Masons of Brooklyn into one indissoluble whole than any other or all other agencies combined. It has sent scores of old Masons back to affiliation with the Blue Lodges, in order to become eligible for membership in the Veteran ranks. Its monthly meetings are always crowded, and its growth is something phenomenal. It is more than a masonic body. It is a masonic power; and a power, too, exerted on the right side of

every question that increases the influence of Masonry in making for righteousness.

I would suggest we extend to their President, Amasa H. Nichols, the compliment of honorary membership, and a similar courtesy be bestowed on Theophilus Pratt, a leader among the New York City Veterans. Our association might well feel honored by having such Masons on its roll.

VETERAN GROWTH.

Since our last report, several kindred organizations have been established, notably one in England, at Newcastle-on-Tyne. As Masonry came to America from England, America is now paying the debt by sending back to the mother country this the most recent product of masonic evolution.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Agreeable to instructions of this association, credentials were issued to four of our members, to represent us at the National Veteran Association, held last August at Boston, during the conclave of the Grand Encampment. I have not been able to determine whether they lost the National Association, or the National Association lost them. Certain it is, none of them were present at that meeting, and Minnesota was unrepresented. Whether this was due to the influence of "sea air" on Northwestern delegates, or the result of "sea food" on their powers of location, in the words of the law, "the deponent sayeth not." Beyond the fact that there was such a meeting, that S. Stacker Williams of Ohio was elected presiding officer, and arrangements were perfected to hold the next session in Baltimore at the time of the convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, I have no information to impart.

OUR PROCEEDINGS.

One of the most successful features of our association has been the publication of its proceedings as an appendix to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. How these have appealed to disinterested observers may be understood by a quotation from the Correspondence report in the Grand Lodge proceedings of a distant jurisdiction. In reviewing Minnesota, it is stated:

"The last twenty-eight pages of the volume are devoted to a record of the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota. To one who is filling out the thirtieth year of continuous active service in Freemasonry, there is no more interesting portion of the volume before us than these last pages. The lodge in which the writer took his first steps contained three men of the previous century. Two of them had deserved well of their country, and the third was an artillerist who had engaged in nearly all of Napoleon's campaigns, including the dreadful retreat from Moscow. What pleas-

ure it gave us to listen to their old-time masonic experiences! How such men would have delighted in a Veteran Association! What rich treasures we could find to-day, if through a possible Veteran Association of years ago, the martyrs of the anti-masonic times of 1826 and later had left recorded their trials, difficulties, and sufferings as they stood up manfully and faithfully for the fraternity!"

Again, brethren, the only attempt to give a succinct and veritable narrative of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of this state, during the entire forty-three years of its existence, appears in our last volume of proceedings. This association has earned its right to live by that history alone, brief as it was, and I trust it may prove an example of what ought to be done and published in regard to the history of all the earlier lodges in Minnesota. If competent histories of such lodges are presented, in our proceedings they will find a safe refuge from oblivion. To obtain funds for such publications is the leading cause of my desire to see a large increase in our membership. We have no lack of eligible brethren in the state. The Grand Lodge returns in 1875, twenty-one years ago, showed a membership of 6,203. Even admitting that half of this number, by death or dimit, are lost, through accessions which have come from outside jurisdictions, it gives us nearly thirty-five hundred Master Masons in Minnesota to-day eligible for membership in our organization. This is the material from which our edifice is to be constructed, and it is increasing by several hundred every year. With a little exertion and thoughtfulness on the part of our members, our roll could be greatly enlarged, until every lodge in the state had at least one member entitled to wear the badge and ready to explain the objects of our association.

THE NON-AFFILIATE.

Not long since I read an essay* which had been presented before an association of Masters and Past Masters in New York City. In it was raised a question of vital importance to every Grand Lodge, especially those of the United States and Canada. The essayist remarks that, "while the records of the craft in the State of New York show a membership of over eighty thousand Masons, it is conceded that the 'Grand Army of the Unaffiliated' numbers equally as many, if not more. The question that naturally presents itself to the consideration of every intelligent Mason is, Why have so many candidates entered the portals of Freemasonry, passed out again through its untiled doors, to return no more? The solution of this enigma is an easy one. They asked for bread, and received a stone. Masonry was represented to them as a perfect institution, as far as human effort and intelligence could make it, and while their hearts might have conceived the beauties of Freemasonry, their minds were

*"A Model Master," by J. P. Solomon, W. M. of True Craftsman's Lodge, No. 651, New York.

bewildered by the peculiar ceremonies of initiation. They beheld nothing but the bare, cold, stony, meaningless walls of the temple. There was no intelligent guide to lead them into its illuminated chambers. There was none to unravel its mystical beauties, none to explain the divine source of that hieroglyphic light which none but craftsmen see. The craft have wrought diligently in the quarries of the temple, but they have been drawers of water and hewers of stone. Their labors have been misdirected, or rather not directed at all. There have been no designs upon the trestle board whereby they might have pursued their labors intelligently."

The answer to the above question and the solution of the enigma, in the judgment of the essayist, is by emphasizing the need of having "Model Masters," Masters intelligent, upright, and able to instruct their brethren both by precept and example. So far, so good. But in my estimation, the key to the trouble of non-affiliation largely exists in another point which he mentions:

"The majority of Masons labor under the impression that a mere poll-parrot recital of the ritual and a knowledge of the ever-fluctuating phraseology of the standard work is the sole requisite."

Without saying a word in disparagement of the necessity of mastering the ritual, I do say, it is not the only thing, or even the most important, in making a man an intelligent Mason. The origin of Masonry, its early documentary remains, its ethics, its symbolism, its points of contact with cognate organizations, the causes of its evolution from a single simple ceremony to the elaborate forms of the initiation of to-day, demand the attention of every one who professes or aspires to be a bright craftsman, and to place in the hands of our young Masons, just entering on the journey from the West to the East, a guide to point out how this early craving for masonic light may be satisfied is, in my estimation, the important way, if not the only method, to turn an early enthusiasm into a calm, deliberate, life-time affection for Masonry. To know nothing of Masonry except the forms of initiation must pall upon the interest of any intelligent man. That is a close investigation of the casket and absolute ignorance of the gems which it conceals. Could the young Mason be compelled to feel that "ritualism" is but a small part of what he ought to know; could he, from the very beginning of his masonic life, be taught to become interested in its literature, to be put in touch with the means of comprehending how the genius of the craft has fashioned these varied materials into a living organism, would he to do away largely with the curse of non-affiliation and to make the saying "Once a Mason, always a Mason," something more than mere empty words.

For our share in this work, one of our honorary members, and one of the best known of the distinguished Masons of the world, George William Speth of England, has sent us a paper, in which he has attempted to show in what way an inquiring student, young or old,

may become really conversant with the entire range of masonic history and research. If it so please the association, I would suggest, that, at the proper time, this contribution be read by title and then published in our proceedings. This paper I believe to be the most instructive one on this subject ever produced, and to place it where it can be reached by all who are seeking guidance in the way of masonic study will be doing Freemasonry a pronounced service. I only wish a copy of it could be placed in the hands of every Entered Apprentice on the evening he first sees masonic light.

NECROLOGY.

The prediction made at our last reunion, that a similar absence of a death roll in our year's return would rarely occur, is only too sadly verified.

ROBERT BRUCE LANGDON,

an active member, perhaps the most widely known Mason in Minneapolis (though, as far as his record, deposited in our archives, shows, never an office bearer in any masonic body), died, after a long and painful illness, at his home, on the 24th of July, 1895. He was born in New Haven, Vt., Nov. 24, 1826. On the 10th of December, 1860, he received the three degrees of Craft Masonry in Libanus Lodge, No. 47, of Bristol, Vt., and somewhat later attained the Royal Arch in a chapter at Corinth, Miss. Subsequently he was a member of Khurum Lodge, No. 112, of this jurisdiction, and also Zion Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar. For thirteen years he was a member of the state senate, and held a commanding position in the business life of his city and state.

NEVILLE STAUGHTON,

an active member, died at Winona on the 10th of September, 1895. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 7, 1832, he was made a Master Mason on the 18th of February, 1860, in Milwaukee Lodge, No. 3, now known as Kilbourn Lodge, No. 3, of Wisconsin. He had served as Senior Warden in Winona Lodge, No. 18, and was Past Eminent Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar, and Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the state. An engineer by profession, he was the builder of that part of the Northwestern Railroad system in the vicinity of Winona, and was connected with the railroad interest of the state up to the time of his decease.

To recall the good acts and to venerate the memory of the dead is the duty of the living. Here we ask no question in regard to their riches or poverty; whether they were leaders of men, or filled a humble station in the rank and file of life, doing their whole duty day by day as their hands found it to do, unobtrusively and faithfully. It is enough for us to know they were our brothers, bound to us by the double tie of masonic initiation and length of years.

The Secretary then read his annual report, showing receipts during the year 1895:

From thirty-seven petitions at \$5.....	\$185.00
Surplus from banquet	12.60
	————— \$197.60
Seven orders drawn amounting to.....	161.00

Gain during the year.....	\$36.60
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Active members, Jan. 1, 1895.....	117
Added during the year.....	37

	154
Died during the year.....	2

Active members	152
Honorary members, Jan. 1, 1895.....	12
Added during the year.....	7
	————— .19

Total membership, Jan. 1, 1896.....	171
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The Treasurer submitted his annual report, showing:

Balance, Jan. 1, 1895.....	\$84.85
Receipts during the year.....	197.60

Total	\$282.45
Disbursements, warrants Nos. 24 to 30.....	161.00

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896.....	\$121.45
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Which is on deposit in the Second National Bank to the credit of the association.

On motion, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Wm. G. Ten Brook, Dwight M. Baldwin, and Henry R. Wells.

The names of Bro. Henry Augustus Denny of Hyde Park, Mass., ninety-four years of age and upwards of seventy-one years a Mason, Amasa H. Nichols of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Theophilus Pratt of New York City were proposed for honorary membership, and they were duly elected.

The association then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following results:

For President, Bro. George R. Metcalf.

For First Vice President, Bro. Benjamin F. Farmer.

For Second Vice President, Bro. Joseph H. Thompson.

For Treasurer, Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague.

For Secretary, Bro. Giles W. Merrill.

For Marshal, Bro. Andrew P. Swanstrom.

Appointed Officers.—Historian, Bro. William H. Grant; Chaplain, Rev. Bro. George H. Davis.

There being no other business, the brethren repaired to the banquet room, at about nine o'clock, and spent a social hour around the banquet table. There were present on this occasion ninety brethren.

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The Secretary read acknowledgments of receipt of invitation to and regret at not being able to attend the banquet from Bros. John Corson-Smith, Chicago, President of Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois; Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Iowa; Josiah H. Drummond, Portland, Me.; Francis A. Blades, Detroit, Mich.; Edwin A. Sherman, Oakland, Cal.; Daniel Sickels, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. Wallace Lee, Meriden, Conn.; Dewitt C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.; Benj. F. Chase, Chicago, Ill.; Geo. W. Prescott, San Francisco, Cal.; the President and Secretary of the Masonic Veteran Association of Brooklyn; H. Wales Lines, Meriden, Conn., Grand Treasurer Grand Encampment of the United States; Nick Coulson, Detroit, Mich.; T. J. Barchus, Memphis, Tenn., Secretary Masonic Veteran Association of Memphis; Milton E. Powell, Redwood Falls, Minn., Second Vice President Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota.

To the first toast of the evening, "The M. V. A. the Grand Lodge of Minnesota," Bro. Jacob A. Kiester, Past Grand Master, responded. Brother President and Venerable Brethren of the Veteran Association:

The ancient records of Masonry inform us, that, for centuries before Grand Lodges existed, as now constituted, the great governing bodies of the craft were known as the "General Assemblies," and sometimes as the "Yearly Assemblies of the Brethren." They were not delegate bodies, but all the members of the craft within certain districts, whatever their rank or office, were eligible to attend. Over all the craft of certain districts or countries was a recognized authority, which could summon the craftsmen to attend. A summons in that day meant very much what it does now. It was expected that it would be obeyed. The presiding officer of these assemblies (the person exercising a general authority) was usually styled the president, but often, in later years, he was called Grand Master. He was usually a person, not necessarily an Operative Mason, but generally of high rank or title; or, as specified in the "Ancient Charges," one "nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some master architect, or other great artist, or one of singular great merit in the opinion of the lodges." They were often princes of the royal blood.

Considering these requisite qualifications of a Grand Master, it has occurred to me that the Grand Masters of Minnesota must have been promoted to that high office because of their being "gentlemen of the best fashion" and of "singular great merit." I presume the M. W. Past Grand Masters present will, of course, concur with me in this very just conclusion.

It is quite evident that the ancient presiding officer of the craft corresponded largely in authority with the Grand Masters of our time. And it may be observed here, that, at the present day, there are certain powers said to be inherent in the office of Grand Master which are not specified in constitutions and regulations, either of ancient times or at this day. The origin of these powers and privileges are to be found in the immemorial usages, recognized and practiced in the days of the Operative Masons.

The general or annual assemblies of ancient times were great events in the lives of the old craftsmen. They assembled to consult together as to the interests of the craft. They sometimes declared or amended constitutions and made new regulations. They settled disputes among the brethren. They made Masons. They discussed the plans of proposed great structures which they were to erect, as great bridges, monuments, monasteries, capitols, castles, palaces, fortifications, churches, cathedrals, and the like.

These assemblies were also occasions of great friendly and fraternal reunion and social enjoyment. An incident of these great meetings was their banquets, very much such, Brother President, as this of the Veteran Association, which we have all so much enjoyed.

One of the leading characteristics of Masonry in olden times was its social element, and this is meant to be the fact in this age. Centuries ago, among the Operative Masons, the festivals of St. John the Baptist and the Four Crowned Martyrs, and later, that of St. John the Evangelist, were established. Even to-day, in England, and in some other countries (where, by the way, lodges do not meet so often as they do with us), a banquet is one of the incidents of almost every meeting. We should not forget to maintain the old social character of our fraternity.

In the great assemblies of our ancient brethren there met the master builders of the world—men whose work is the wonder and admiration of every subsequent age; men in whose skillful hands the rough ashlar, the stone, the marble, the granite rock, were cut into forms of use and of surpassing beauty, and were builded into structures which have more the appearance of being the work of divine than of human hands. Europe, Asia and Africa yet contain many of their marvelous works, for they built to endure for all time. They obeyed the Master's instructions:

Build that these walls to future generations
Your skill, your strength, your faithfulness may tell;
That all may say, as storms and centuries test them,
"The men of old built well, built well."

And they did build well; so well, indeed, that the proficiency of the modern architect and builder is tested by his knowledge of the principles and methods discovered and practiced by these ancient builders.

The great secrets of Masonry in the ancient days, aside from certain signs, words, and tokens used for test and recognition, were the principles of the builder's art. And it may be stated here, as we go along, that the ancient Operative Masons were in most countries and for centuries the most favored and privileged of all laboring crafts. Now, it was from the ancient Operative Masons there has come the Speculative Masonry of our day.

Theirs was the master hand that drew, though unconsciously, the plans upon the trestle board of our great society. And in this even they builded better than they knew.

An eminent writer says: "Their operative art has been symbolized in the intellectual deduction from it known as Speculative Masonry, and may be briefly defined as the scientific application" and the moral adaptation "of the rules and principles, the language, the implements, and materials of Operative Masonry," resulting in the formation of the most permanent, instructive, strongest, and most perfect fraternal society the world has ever seen.

The modern Grand Lodge originated in 1717, when four old lodges of London, England, united in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, known among writers as the "Premier," or "Legal Grand Lodge," the chief officer of which was named Grand Master. The old lodge at York was erected into a Grand Lodge, under the new system, in 1725, but in fact claimed and exercised some of the powers of a Grand Lodge long before the Premier Grand Lodge was instituted. And it was alleged that the Grand Lodge at York had authorized the institution of the Premier Grand Lodge, and it is certain that many years afterwards the York Grand Lodge recalled and annulled the authority granted for the organization of the Premier Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland was organized in 1730, and that of Scotland in 1736, under the new system. In 1751 another Grand Lodge was instituted in England, known as the "Ancients," and in 1780 still another Grand Lodge of England, south of the Trent, was established, in pursuance of authority granted by the York Grand Lodge to the Lodge of Antiquity, one of the old lodges which united in forming the original, or Premier Grand Lodge. But this Grand Body existed but a short time. There were thus for a short period four Grand Lodges in England. The York Grand Lodge ceased to exist about 1790. During all this time, the Premier, or legal Grand Lodge, seemed, however, to have the precedence. In 1813 the Premier Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Ancients united and formed the United Grand Lodge of England, and there is now but one Grand Lodge of England.

From the Grand Lodges above named have come all the legitimate lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry in the world.

And now we may leave what, to us, are foreign lands, and crossing the wide Atlantic, come to the shores of America.

The first American Grand Lodge, instituted by authority, was probably St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, established in 1733 by Henry Price, appointed by the Grand Master of England Provincial Grand Master of Masons of New England. But there were many Masons and several lodges in America before that date. There are to-day about fifty-eight Grand Lodges in America.

All Grand Lodges of Craft Masonry and all Grand Masters are peers. The Grand Lodge of England, with the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, stands exactly on the same plane, masonically, with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, with its Grand Master, for the time being. And if I were called upon to exercise a judgment in the matter I should say, that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, in dignity, in the practice of pure Masonry, in the regularity of its proceedings, and in general respectability, is the equal of the Grand Lodge of England, or any other Grand Lodge on earth. And had I not had the very great honor of having been one of the number, I would say, that the Grand Masters of Masons in Minnesota, in intelligence, in masonic knowledge, loyalty to the fraternity and in personal character are the peers of the Grand Master of England or of any other country. But modesty requires that I should leave this sentence out.

What is a Grand Lodge of Masons? It is the supreme governing power of Craft Masonry within its territorial jurisdiction, and has supreme authority over all lodges and Masons of the jurisdiction, and exercises legislative, executive, and judicial functions. I shall go no farther into detail, as to the power and authority of Grand Lodges, except to call your attention to a feature of Grand Lodge authority, not generally understood.

The higher degrees, so called, except those of the Scottish Rite and those of Cryptic Masonry, all originated in the craft or symbolic lodges, and were conferred therein or in connection therewith for many years, and were under the authority of Grand Lodges for long periods, in former times, and the immediate supervision of them was transferred from the Grand Lodges with their consent largely as a matter of greater convenience. As perhaps all of you already know, the arrangement, classification, and grouping of our American system of degrees was largely the work of Thomas Smith Webb, the most accomplished masonic ritualist of his own or any other time. He was a very prince of masonic workmen. Even at this day the Grand Lodge of England exercises authority over the Royal Arch degree, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland controls the Mark degree. All of the so-called higher degrees except those of Templary, and perhaps five of those of the Scottish Rite, are but developments, extensions, or amplifications of the ideas, principles, and teachings of

the ancient craft degrees. They are the limbs and branches of exceeding value and beauty of the great tree whose body and roots are Ancient Craft Masonry.

But the essential proposition which is to be considered in this connection is this, that the membership of all the so-called higher degrees, including now the Scottish and Cryptic Rite, are composed of Craft Masons only, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges, and can be no other persons; and a suspension or expulsion from a Craft, or Blue Lodge, or by the Grand Lodge, suspends or expels from all the Capitular, Cryptic and Templar degrees as well.

From all this it appears that practically the authority of the Grand Lodge may, in the government of the brethren, extend far into the higher degrees. In Masonry, as in some other things, there must be, and is, a decisive, a final authority somewhere; and the fact is, that the Grand Lodge is the supreme, central, and ultimate authority, within its jurisdiction, over all that pertains to, or purports to be Masonry, in determining what is, or what is not, legitimate Masonry, and in the exercise of its authority, not over the ritualistic or administrative affairs of the higher degrees but over the status and conduct of the members of the fraternity as Masons, who constitute the membership of the higher degrees, when the good of the fraternity requires the exercise of such authority. The Grand Lodge is the sun, the light, and life-giving power of the entire masonic system; and holds within its far-reaching control and influence, as by the law of attraction, everything within its proper orbit pertaining to legitimate Masonry, and but for this central body all that is known as Masonry to-day would, to pursue the simile, be dispersed and wrecked in darkness and illimitable space.

Suggestions have been made from time to time, during the past hundred and more years, of the propriety of instituting in the United States a General Grand Lodge similar to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter and General Grand Council of the United States. But there is no need of this. The fixed fundamental principles of Masonry, which are universal, and the close fraternal relations of all Grand Lodges and the correspondence existing among them, sufficiently informs, unifies, and harmonizes the whole, and renders such a body as a General Grand Lodge useless. And if such a body were established its tendency would be toward the assumption of authority; for without authority its influence, even its dignity, would be but a phantom, and if authority were assumed or delegated it, then Grand Lodges would become subordinates. The very essence of Grand Lodge authority is its supremacy within its jurisdiction, and any change that should be made in this respect would be an innovation, condemned and barred by the landmarks, constitutions, and immemorial usages of Symbolic Masonry. A curious incident may be mentioned here in connection with this subject: General Washington, in January, 1780,

was elected, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, General Grand Master of the United States, and this action was submitted to the other Grand Lodges for their concurrence, but the project was finally abandoned. It is not at all probable that a General Grand Lodge of the United States will ever be instituted. The scheme, indeed, seems to have been simply "a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty" of necessity or expediency.

Brethren, you doubtless think that it is about time that something should be said in response to the toast offered, "The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota." But I believe, with our ancient brethren, that, before erecting a structure, it is well to lay a good foundation, and that was my object in offering all these preliminary remarks. We should know somewhat of the ancient foundations on which our Grand Lodge is builded, or, in other words, something of our high and honorable lineage. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized in 1853, and has been recognized by all the Grand Masonic Bodies of the world. Three small lodges were concerned in its organization, but to-day there are more than two hundred lodges under its jurisdiction and over fifteen thousand Masons.

Eighteen Grand Masters have presided over this jurisdiction. Brothers Ames, Sherburne, Pierson, Prescott, Nash, Cooley, Griswold, Braden, Durant, Wells, Benton, Denny, Gove, Brown J. H., Kiester, Barto, Dickinson, and Brown C. L. Happily, most of these most worshipful brethren are still with us, but seven of them have departed this life. Respect for their memories requires at least a brief reference to them, at this time.

Brother Sherburne, the dignified, courtly, and learned associate justice of the supreme court, passed away in March, 1868. He was our second Grand Master, and the first of the Grand or Past Grand Masters to pass within the veil.

Brother Ames, our first Grand Master, the beloved physician, an active, public-spirited citizen, an earnest and accomplished master workman in all departments of Masonry, died in September, 1874.

Then the white-souled, clear-headed, eloquent Braden, the soldier and honest public official, received the final summons which none can disobey, in 1877.

In August, 1884, Brother Cooley, the lawyer, judge, author, genial and witty, and a great lover of Masonry, laid down the cares of life.

It was in November, 1889, that Brother Pierson, the father of Minnesota Masonry, the masonic scholar, jurist, and author, the patriarch and for many years one of the great lights of Masonry in America, fell asleep.

Brother Brown, the jurist, the strict constructionist, the wise counselor of our Grand Lodge, and the indefatigable worker, died in January, 1890.

And now, last but not least, in November, 1891, Brother Benton, the able lawyer, the masonic jurist, the logical reasoner and orator, was called to his long home.

These beloved brethren have laid down their working tools. Their work was done, and well done. They have been transmitted from the fading honors of an earthly lodge, to the enjoyment, we can confidently hope, of an inheritance "incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away."

O Death! Thou great, invisible,
Pale monarch of the unending past,
Who shall thy countless trophies tell,
Or when shall be the last!

By thee high thrones to earth are flung—
By thee the sword and scepter rust—
By thee the beautiful and young
Lie mouldering in the dust,

Into thy cold and faded reign
All glorious things of earth depart.
And fairest forms are early slain,
And quenched the fiery heart.

But in yon world thou hast not been,
Where joys fade not nor beauty fall.
O Death, mightiest of the things unseen,
Save One, that ruleth all!

Brethren, I am happy to say, that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has always taken high rank among the Grand Lodges of the world, because of its correct Masonry, its conservativeness, and the intelligence which has characterized its action. And this is abundantly proved by the testimony of numerous writers on Fraternal Correspondence throughout the world, and its action being cited everywhere as entitled to the highest respect.

One of the most learned and experienced Masons, a resident of a sister jurisdiction, one who has no superior, not long ago said: "The Grand Lodge of Minnesota is young in years, but old in wisdom." And to all this I need add nothing more.

Venerable brethren, of those who assisted in the organization of our Grand Lodge but two survive on earth. With many of us who have since come upon the masonic stage of action and are now numbered among the veterans the day is far spent. The sun of life will set ere long. Within another decade some of us will appear no more at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, or at the festal board of the Veteran Association. And this may be of little consequence. But the great fraternity of which we have had the honor of being members will still live, strong, grand, spanning the centuries of the future, as it has those of the past; still teaching, by its peculiar and im-

pressive methods, by symbols, allegory, hieroglyphic, emblem, legend, tradition, ceremony, lecture, and charge, its lessons of belief in God and his fatherhood, the immortality of the soul, the obligations and precepts of the moral law, toleration, equality of right, good citizenship, peace, the brotherhood of men, brotherly love, relief and truth, and that broad masonic charity which thinketh no evil.

And may it be said of each of us, when we are gone, "He was a true brother, worthy and well qualified, and a master workman who wrought well in his day and generation." And no man can have a prouder epitaph than this.

Second toast—"The Orient and the Holy Land through a Mason's Spectacles."

Response by Bro. Dwight M. Baldwin of Red Wing.

Brother President and Veterans:

Last February I was one of a party of seventy Masons, who, under the guidance of Bro. Frank C. Clark, a member of Mother Solomon Lodge, No. 293, of Jerusalem, sailed from New York on the steamer "Friesland" for a trip to the Holy Land and the East. A landing of a few hours was made at the Bermudas, where the party was informally and pleasantly welcomed by the members of Bermuda Preceptory. Passing over the incidents of the voyage, Cairo was reached, where we were invited by the Grand Master to an informal reception at his residence, which about thirty-five of us attended. We were most cordially received, and welcomed by the Grand Master and some twelve or fifteen of his "staff," or prominent Masons. This was a very pleasant and interesting but novel experience to most of us, as with but one or two exceptions none of our entertainers spoke English; and our hearty and fraternal greetings were exchanged more by the unspoken forms peculiar to the craft than by words. The resident brethren were in what we call evening or full dress, and all wore the inevitable fez. We exchanged cards, but as theirs were printed in Arabic or Turkish, we were none the wiser as to the owner's name after receiving them. Elegant refreshments of the style pertaining to the country were served, including a bountiful supply of Turkish cigarettes. Speeches of welcome were made in French and Arabic, which Brother Clark interpreted to us, and to which he responded in our behalf. We departed highly pleased with our first visit to our brethren in the "land of the Pharaohs."

From Jaffa to Jerusalem our itinerary called for the trip to be made by the railway, but through the courtesy of Brother Clark a few of us were assigned to carriages, and journeyed along the old road across the plain of Sharon, through Ramleh and many other places of great historical interest, up the mountains of Judea, where we attained an elevation of 2,500 feet above the Mediterranean, and arrived at Jerusalem on nearly the same level. I doubt if there

is another public highway on the face of the globe that has been so long and so constantly used, and is so replete with historical associations, as that old road from Jaffa to Jerusalem. "The timbers were felled in the forests of Lebanon, conveyed by sea in floats to Joppa; from thence by land to Jerusalem." They were hauled over that road. It is now nearly eight hundred years since the Crusaders took the same route on their march to redeem the "Holy City." Jaffa has always been the principal seaport and commercial gateway to Jerusalem, and notwithstanding the innovation and competition of the railway there is still much traffic in the primitive way over the old road. We met several camel and donkey trains on their way to the port. The roadbed is kept in excellent condition, but the climb up the mountains is very steep and laborious.

At Jerusalem the most interesting Masonic feature of the cruise was the special arrangement that Brother Clark had made with his lodge and the authorities at Jerusalem for holding a lodge in "King Solomon's Quarries" under the city. The lodge, Mother Solomon, No. 293, is held under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and among the names inscribed thereon as charter members is that of our honored and lamented brother, "Rob" Morris. The lodge is not strong, either in numbers or in means. They have only about twenty-four members, and there is very little available material in that country for growth. They have no regular hall, but hold their meetings in the parlors of the Howard Hotel; the proprietor, Brother Howard, being one of their active and efficient members. The members are: Bro. Wm. H. Kyatt, Worshipful Master; Bro. Geo. M. Catten, Senior Warden; P. M. Bro. J. Lyons, Junior Warden; and Bro. C. N. Tadros, Secretary. I do not think that they ordinarily have any use for a Treasurer, and I heard no brother's name mentioned in that capacity. Brothers Kyatt, Catten, and Tadros are connected with the British legation. Brother Lyons has charge of the dispensary in an English charitable hospital. The lodge held three special meetings in the quarries during the week we were in and about Jerusalem. They were the first that had been held since the lodge was chartered, many years ago. Brother Tadros had copies printed of the minutes of the second meeting, which was held on March 6th, giving the names of all present, the stations filled by some at the meeting, and the location of their masonic homes. He presented us with copies, and these are treasured remembrances of the occasion. The entrance to the quarries, which was discovered as late as 1852, is on the north side of the city, a short distance east of the Damascus gate. It is a comparatively small opening, cut in the natural rock which forms the foundation of that portion of the wall of the city. It is protected by a heavy door and guarded by Turkish soldiers; as the government officials are very suspicious of the "Christian dogs" who come as visitors. It requires a pass, accompanied by a liberal supply of "backsheesh," to gain admission. It is said the Moslems are afraid the city might be blown up if an opportunity

were given. It was stated among our party that Brother Clark had to pay the authorities fifty pounds sterling for a permit to enter and to hold our meetings. The descent is rather steep after entering the quarries, the floor or bottom rough and uneven, and covered with an endless quantity of stone chips, and on the sides are great blocks of stone, some lying detached from the rock, partly dressed, and surrounded with masses of chips; others only partly detached. As can be readily seen, the process of separating the blocks from the solid rock was by cutting openings, driving in dry wooden wedges, and then wetting them, which caused them to swell. All the different stages of the process of getting out the stones are visible, and niches are to be seen cut in the rock where the workmen set their lamps. Solid columns of rock are left at intervals to support the vast roof, but in some places pieces have become detached and fallen from the roof to the floor. It is an immense cavern, and vast quantities of material must have been taken out to form so large a space. The rock is a light cream-colored sandstone, without visible seams, and comparatively easy to work. Each member of our party was provided with a lighted candle. We went down a long distance, and finally halted and opened the lodge on a huge mound of chips. It seemed to me we had gone in at least a quarter of a mile, and I was informed that we were about six hundred feet perpendicularly under the city. It was a most wonderful sight, and an experience never to be forgotten by any who were so fortunate as to participate. I do not know how far the quarries extend, as we made no explorations beyond the place where we held the lodge meetings; but when we were about the city and on the site of the Temple, and descended into those vast substructures called "Solomon's Stables," we were shown where there had been a large opening—long since walled up by the Turks—which the guides informed us was once an entrance to the quarries. It certainly seems to confirm the narrative of the building of the Temple, that "the stones were hewed, squared, and numbered in the quarries where they were raised."

During our sojourn in Jerusalem the members of Mother Solomon Lodge extended to us every fraternal kindness within their power. They held meetings for our reception and entertainment on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, in the parlors of Brother Howard's hotel. At the last meeting each of the visitors was presented with a set of gavels, manufactured expressly for the purpose from the celebrated olive wood of Jerusalem. They were beautiful and very appropriate souvenirs. We brought them home, and in most instances presented them to our respective lodges, although I have noticed in the masonic periodicals, that, in some instances, they have been presented to Grand Lodges. In token of our appreciation, and in consideration of their weak financial condition, we, in turn, raised a purse to form the nucleus of a fund to assist our far-off brothers in securing a masonic home.

On our arrival at Beyrout, a grand reception and ball was tendered, and the invitation was accepted by all the Masons of the party. During the evening many speeches of welcome and responses were made, under similar conditions as at the reception in Cairo. After a most delightful occasion, we parted from our Syrian friends and returned to our steamer. Landing at Constantinople, we were met on the quay by Bro. Robert Levy, a prominent merchant of Stamboul, who was made a Templar in Apollo Commandery and a Consistory Mason at Chicago during the World's Fair. He extended to us every possible courtesy, and on our departure came on board our steamer with a party of Masons bearing two beautiful floral triangles. The flowers were of great variety and of exquisite fragrance. Both pieces were decorated with red, white, and blue ribbons. The larger design was over five feet high, and the ribbons were six inches wide and many yards long, and on one was printed in large letters in gold, "To the Masons on Board," and on the other, "To the Members of Oriental Consistory." As the delegation reached the vessel a procession was formed to receive them, and headed by the band the brethren escorted the visitors three times around the deck and into the cabin, where an eloquent address of greeting was made by Allen T. Brinsmade, a Knight Templar of Cleveland, to which Brother Levy appropriately responded. After a brief social sitting the visitors went ashore amid the hearty cheers of the brethren on board.

In Rome the masonic fraternity have their hall and headquarters in the Palazzo Borghese. It is a quaint and interesting old building. There are numerous apartments which still retain much of their former splendor, with the walls and ceilings covered with ancient portraits and frescoes. The door and window "trimmings" are of solid alabaster and other rare stone, and of massive proportions. All the other appointments show evidence of lavish expenditure. Some of us who visited Rome were invited while there to attend a lodge meeting. The invitation was gladly accepted, and we were cordially received and entertained. The lodge ceremonies were different from any I had seen before, and being conducted in their own language were decidedly unique, but the brethren did everything in their power to make our visit a pleasant one, and we heartily enjoyed it.

The examination of a visitor in all the masonic bodies in the old world consists principally in the inspection of his diploma. That is his masonic passport, and without it he is liable to experience some difficulty in gaining admission. They entertain a high regard abroad for official signatures and seals. There is usually a brief examination in the "essentials," but to attempt anything further, from the lack of a common language, would be practically impossible. After the visitor's diploma has been inspected and he is accorded permission to

visit, it is considered an act of courtesy for the secretary to indorse upon it the date of the visit, with his signature and his seal affixed.

Brother Baldwin concluded his remarks by describing the Mark Masters' Hall in London, through which he was conducted by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of England and Wales, and to whom he was indebted for many courtesies. Bro. Henry Sadler, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, was equally as kind in showing him the apartments of the Mother Grand Lodge of the World.

The third subject was a paper and letter by George W. Speth of London, England, read by title—"A Masonic Curriculum."

Secretary's Office of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076,

"La Tuya," Edward Rd., Bromley, Kent, England, Dec. 9, 1895.

Brethren:

In 1890, ceding to pressure from various quarters, I did my best to formulate in Volume III. of our transactions, *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, a scheme for the methodical study of Freemasonry. It is the only attempt of the kind which has ever been made, so far as my knowledge extends. I am therefore much pleased to have been the recipient on many occasions of letters from brethren declaring their great appreciation of my effort. I am, however, quite aware that their commendation is to be rather attributed to the fact that my attempt is the only guide they possess than to its intrinsic merit.

Having recently been requested by our Bro. Dr. G. R. Metcalf to permit him to reproduce it in the proceedings of the Veteran Association of Minnesota, of which I am proud to be an honorary member, it occurs to me that a few additional words would be to advantage.

In the first place, some of the books which I have mentioned are no longer procurable except by good fortune. Chief among these are the "Facsimile of the Matthew Cooke MS.," and "Whymper's Religion of Freemasonry." And secondly, many publications have since appeared which, it seems to me, should not be absent from a student's library. To mention them all would be impossible, but I may call attention to at least some of them. We have, and I hope it is not undue partiality which impels me to place them in the foremost rank, all the later volumes of *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, viz., Volumes III. to VIII. The contents of these range over a vast field, and have the merit of affording the very latest information on the points treated of, none of which will, I believe, be found either uninteresting or unimportant. Then the early history of the craft in Ireland, of which so little is known but which presents the appearance of being extremely important in forming a just conclusion on many matters, has recently received considerable additions at the hands of Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Deacon of Ireland, in his "*Coementaria*

Hibernica, Part I." Other parts are to follow in course of time. Again, a most suggestive light has been thrown on the medieval history of the craft by Bro. E. Conder, Jr., in his "History of the Masons' Company of London." Bro. W. J. Hughan, P. G. D., has also issued a second edition of his "Old Charges of British Freemasons," a work which I was unable to include in my list because of the impossibility of obtaining it. I will only say that the second edition would prove even more useful to the student than the first. There are many other books to which I would gladly refer, second only in importance to these, but it behooves me to remember that I am professedly writing only as a guide to those whose pockets are not unfathomable and whose time is not unlimited. I will therefore only add that a great boon will shortly be within the grasp of masonic students, as Brother Gould has nearly completed and is arranging for the issue of a condensed edition of his monumental "History of Freemasonry," which will make fewer calls upon the purse and leisure of our brethren desirous of instruction than does his great masterpiece.

Brethren, within the last few years great strides have been made in the elucidation of masonic history, but the more we learn, the more we appreciate the immense darkness which still surrounds the subject. No one student—no dozen of students—will ever be able unaided to do much in disentangling the web of legend, tradition, ignorance, and falsehood which enmeshes us; but given a large accession of diligent inquirers, very much may be done. It is the fact, that, day by day, the number of students increases which buoys us up and leads us to hope for still better results in the future; and it is the hope that the perusal of my poor effort may prove of assistance to perhaps one ardent searcher after knowledge which induces me to sanction the reproduction in your proceedings of so tentative and imperfect an essay as my "Masonic Curriculum." Let us all help, as far as in us lies, to wipe away the reproach that the largest and most influential society on the face of the earth, as it is probably the oldest, knows next to nothing about itself in the days that are gone. And may it be said of me in the future, that a not altogether unsuccessful contributor to this desirable result was

Your sincere brother,

G. W. SPETH.

A MASONIC CURRICULUM.

The question is often asked, What books should a young English student read in order to master the rudiments of Masonic history? It has been formulated in the London Freemason and other craft journals countless times, and has recently been reiterated by the South Australian Freemason, 7th May, 1890. Like many other questions, it

is easy to ask and difficult to answer. The literature of Masonry is extensive, not to say diffuse, yet of the host of books that owe their inspiration to the history or doctrine of the craft, there are few indeed from which no profit whatever can be extracted by a discriminating mind. But with very few exceptions they all contain grave errors, and necessitate the exhibition of an antidote. Hence the difficulty of advising a course of reading; the proposed list soon swells to a preposterous length, and the young student, especially if not provided with a superabundance of loose cash, views the prospect with alarm. Moreover, many of the best books are written in German, and the question presupposes a knowledge of English only.

The study of Masonry may be divided into six sections, often concurrent and always overlapping, yet fairly distinct. They are, first, preliminary and general information; second, masonic tradition; third, authentic history; fourth, symbolism and ethics; fifth, jurisprudence; sixth, ritual. These are not capable of being studied separately to any useful purpose; a bright Mason should be an all-round man, and well grounded in each. Without a general acquaintance with the other five, his special knowledge of the six will be incomplete and unsatisfactory to himself.

Students may also be divided into three classes. First, Masons of scant leisure and small means, who would fain content themselves with a good general idea to be acquired from one book only; second, those of more leisure who would wish to be placed in a position to come to independent conclusions, and yet to accomplish their purpose without too heavy a drag on their resources; and third, those to whom neither money nor time is of great consequence, or whose interest in the subject enables them to sacrifice some other pleasures in order to attain the desired end. With the above a further class might be cited, viz., those brethren who possess a reasonable amount of leisure, and though not able to purchase a large store of books, enjoy special facilities of research, such as the entry to good public or private libraries or masonic collections, from which the great bulk of Masons are necessarily debarred. Practically these are in the same position as class 3, the only difference being that what one buys for himself, the other studies without purchase. For neither of these shall I prescribe in the following pages, beyond the advice to follow the course laid down for class 2, and then master as many other of the writings of the craft as they can gain access to.

To the first class of students—the “one book” students—my advice is, “Get R. F. Gould’s ‘History of Freemasonry.’” As regards the first three sections—a general outline of Freemasonry tradition and history—it will supply the place of a whole library; and this can be said of no other book. The information between its covers is up to the latest date, it is thoroughly impartial and critical, and it is based upon the best evidence procurable. As time rolls on errors will probably be discovered and corrections become necessary, but it will

never be discredited. To the student of small means no book can be mentioned in preference to it, and I will even venture to assert that no dozen books can supply its place. Thus, although the price of the cheapest edition (six volumes, quarto) is £3 15s., it will cost less than a selection of books, which after all will not answer the purpose to anything like the same extent. But there is no royal road to masonic knowledge, and Gould's "History" will not fill an empty head. It is not a funnel in the bung-hole through which information can be poured, as it were, out of one cask into another. It is not by any means abstruse, but neither is it elementary, and should be studied with the brain, not merely skimmed with hasty eye. To those who would learn all about Masonry without mental exertion, I have no advice to offer; it cannot be done.

But on dogma, jurisprudence, symbolism, and ritual the "History" (as such I shall in future henceforth allude to Gould's masterpiece) touches only slightly and parenthetically. Let, therefore, the student add to this one book a few on the other branches of masonic lore, and he will be fully equipped to enter the lists. Should his panoply still seem to him defective, his own acquired knowledge will by that time enable him to choose from among the numerous works cited in the "History" those most likely to prove efficient weapons.

I will now attempt to define a more systematic course of study, suitable for the second class of students, and endeavor to confine myself to a small number of books. But in any scheme, the most restricted or the most extended, I consider the "History" absolutely indispensable.

Let us start with the assumption that the student possesses an ordinary sound English education, but is innocent of any special antiquarian knowledge, and has no acquaintance with any foreign tongue, living or dead. (It is obvious, that, to the brother of greater acquirements, much of the following preliminary study may be needless.)

He should begin by obtaining some idea of the nature of guild life in the Middle Ages, for which purpose Bretano's introduction (which is published separately) to Toulmin Smith's "English Gilds" will serve admirably. [See, also, "History" s. v. Guild.]

A slight acquaintance with the statutes of the realm, so far as they relate to artisans and laborers, would be useful. The only summary of these known to me is in the "History," chapter vii.

The rise and fall of Gothic architecture should next be studied. On this subject many eminent writers have written valuable works, any one of which may be made to serve the purpose. But the point of view is uniformly professional and not masonic, whilst all that is absolutely necessary may be found condensed and masonically treated in the "History," chapter vi.

Every scrap of information respecting past secret rites and mysteries will now prove of value, as many authors have sought to con-

nect the craft directly or indirectly with one or other of the secret societies of antiquity. That the connection exists can scarcely be doubted, but the exact point of contact has not yet been defined with the least semblance of success. The indications to a study of this branch of the question will be found in the "History," chapter i. It will probably suffice for the beginner, and enable him to follow intelligently the arguments for and against. The actual field of research, however, embraces all classic literature.

The traditions of the craft have come down to us in three channels,—oral, written, and symbolical. Our written traditions are chiefly to be found in the "Manuscript Constitutions." Each of these contains the legend of the craft and the ancient laws of the society, both of which, before the era of Grand Lodges, were rehearsed to candidates on their admission. Many forms of these constitutions are to be met with in private as well as public libraries.

Besides the "Manuscript Constitutions" there are two documents of earlier date, which, though generally included in a separate classification, also give the legendary history and the ancient laws of the masonic body. These, which have long reposed on the shelves of the British Museum Library, are the Regius MS., or "Masonic Poem" (c. 1390); ii., the Matthew Cooke MS. (c. 1430). Both these should certainly be studied. The Regius was first edited by Halliwell, 1840 and 1844, both editions being difficult to procure. It has been facsimiled by Lodge Quatuor Coronati (Reprints, volume i.), but is out of print and next to impossible to obtain. It has also been facsimiled by Bro. H. J. Whympere, with an introduction and transcript.

The other MS. was edited by Matthew Cooke, with one page of facsimile, hence its name. It has also been reproduced entire in beautiful facsimile, with a transcript and commentary, by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge (Reprints, volume ii.).

The remainder of the ancient writings giving the traditionary history of the Masons' Craft and to which the title "Manuscript Constitutions" is commonly restricted—about sixty in number—have been published at various times and in different periodicals, chiefly by Bro. W. J. Hughan, who also edited some dozen of them in one book, his "Old Charges," which is, however, out of print and practically unobtainable. The preface to this work, by our lamented brother, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, will ever rank as a masterly introduction to this special subject. Those who care to make a study of this very interesting but highly intricate question should also procure Dr. Begemann's paper on the "Old Charges" in "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," i. e., the printed transactions of the lodge, volume i., 152. The lodge is engaged in placing the means of study within the grasp of every member of its circle, for its current series of reprints will comprise every one of these documents, chiefly in facsimile, in which form volume ii., mentioned above as giving the M. Cooke MS., also

supplies two others, the Landsdowne and the Harleian, both in the British Museum. The Buchanan MS. is reproduced in the "History," chapter ii., where the author also comments on all the other documents of the craft.

We proceed, in the next instance, with masonic history, properly so called.

This commences with the formation, out of existing materials, of the Grand Lodge of England, June 24, 1717, but the first account of this event is presented in the second edition of Anderson's "Book of Constitutions" (1738), which is practically our only authority. An original copy will cost, according to condition and the luck of the purchaser, from £10 to £20, but Lodge Quatuor Coronati has just issued a facsimile (photo-lithography) reproduction, with an introduction by Hughan, "Reprints," volume vii. This book is almost indispensable, although largely quoted and commented on by Gould ("History," chapter xvi.). Anderson's modern history, 1717-1738, may be accepted with some slight reservations; but the perusal of his ancient history, which only serves to illustrate the learned credulity of the writer, had better be deferred until the student has derived his first impressions of the remote past of our society from a less imaginative authority.

It would then be as well to read up the ancient history of the craft in Scotland ("History," chapter viii.). I may even venture, perhaps, to recommend my own summary of the same period, "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," i., 139. It is a little less detailed but more connected than Gould's. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland" should not be overlooked, for, although expensive, it is the fullest book on the subject. Where expense is only of secondary consideration, it should be included in every student's library, but it may be omitted by the beginner, as the pith of it is given in the papers just quoted. For the earlier history of the craft in Ireland, read "History," chapter xxii.

Being well grounded in the history of the foundation of our present system of Freemasonry, and in as much as is known of its immediate precursor, the student should next turn his attention to the various theories of origin which have been broached. To follow these all up would, of course, require a large collection of books; of no subject may it more correctly be said, "Quot homines, tot sententiæ." Some few of the theories are rapidly glanced at in the "History," chapter i. But omitting the older hypotheses, I would recommend Fort's "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," on account, not only of the beauty of the writer's style, which makes the work almost as interesting as a novel, but for the sake of the curious historical facts accumulated and commented on. I must, however, advise the utmost caution in accepting the brilliant author's conclusions. Findel's "History of Freemasonry" should also be

studied. He gives the main historical facts in a comparatively small space, albeit somewhat confusedly, and not always correctly, his early history of the Grand Lodge of England containing some gross blunders. Above all he is the chief exponent of a theory of origin very prevalent in Germany and America, the Steinmetz theory, the original author of which was Fallou, whose book is not, however, obtainable in English. The antidote should be taken immediately afterwards, viz., Gould, chapter iii., and my own paper, "*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*," i., 17. Another German theory, more plausible but equally untenable, has been ably set forth by Brother Cramer, "*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*," ii., 102. The bare possibility of some interchange of customs between the French *Compagnonnage* and English Freemasons has been fully considered in the "*History*," chapters iv. and v., and further discussed by Bro. W. H. Rylands, "*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*," i., 116, and ii., 52.

As regards the subsequent history of the craft in Britain, its introduction and propagation abroad and in the colonies, I know of no abler and safer guide than Gould, volumes iv., v., and vi. Nevertheless, concerning certain points, such as the rivalry between the two Grand Lodges (1750-1813) and the schism of the Lodge of Antiquity (1780-1790), it will be instructive to compare his deductions with the views of other writers. One of the later editions of Preston's "*Illustrations of Freemasonry*" and an early one of Dermott's "*Ahiman Rezon*" would therefore be valuable additions to our collection of books. Hughan's "*Masonic Sketches and Reprints*" should also be consulted for the history of the craft in York, but being out of print and almost impossible to procure, I do not include it in the list appended. The same author's "*History of the Apollo Lodge*" also contains much information pertinent to this branch of the subject.

We now come to the third section—the ethics, dogma, and duties of Freemasonry. From the student's point of view, it is important to know what the early writers thought on this subject. This may be deduced from a great number of excellent orations and sermons by members of the craft, and from such books as Preston's "*Illustrations*" (already mentioned). Smith's "*Use and Abuse of Freemasonry*," Calcott's "*Candid Disquisition on the Principles and Practices of the Free and Accepted Masons*," and others too numerous to cite. Of late years no special work on this subject has appeared in English, and opinions must still be gleaned from orations and sermons. In Germany, on the contrary, the ethics of the fraternity are the burthen of much of the writing of the present day, and the German views of the purport of Freemasonry and the active interference required of lodges in social questions, go far beyond any lines ever laid down in our English craft.

Integral parts of this section are, of course, the symbolism of Freemasonry and the elucidation thereof. This can scarcely be

profitably pursued without an extended study of universal and comparative symbology. It has never been properly handled in the past, but Bro. W. Simpson is now making a commencement in the instructive papers he is reading before our lodge. Some of Dr. Oliver's works may be read as an introduction to the inquiry, but they only touch the fringe of it. A question not un-allied hereto has lately been treated in a masterly manner by Brother Whympier in his "Religion of Freemasonry." The book is out of print, but the author has reserved a few copies which have been placed in my hands for sale. There is a great field for the student in our symbolism, practically untilled. As Bro. Gen. Albert Pike has justly observed, "We shall never understand Freemasonry until we recover the lost meaning of our symbols."

The fifth section, masonic jurisprudence, is also in a pitiable state, the only English attempts in this direction being Oliver's "Institutes of Masonic Jurisprudence," and Paton's "Freemasonry and Its Jurisprudence," works which leave much to be desired. American and German writers have attacked the subject more thoroughly, but for obvious reasons their conclusions can have no great influence with an English Mason. Brother Gould is at work on a book which I trust will fill the gap, but meanwhile the only advice I can give to an English Mason is to procure the last edition of the "Book of Constitutions" and do the best he can with it.

The masonic ritual of the present day must, of course, be mastered in the only proper way, i. e., by attending a good lodge of instruction. The ceremonial of a bygone age must naturally be studied in order to understand our symbolism. But the student who has arrived so far will know where to seek his information, and I may therefore be excused if I refrain from pointing it out. A more suggestive work, but of which unfortunately a very limited number of copies were struck off, is Hughan's "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." It contains a mass of curious information, some of which is hardly obtainable elsewhere, and the remainder lies scattered throughout the periodical literature of the craft.

Thus far, I have only dealt with the study of Freemasonry in a broad and general sense; it may be infinitely subdivided, and the student who has obtained a good grasp of the whole subject would, of course, do well to single out some special branch for further research. The curriculum here enjoined on him would bring him up to the general level of our foremost literati, and having arrived so far, he should strive to add to our joint knowledge. This can only be done by steady application and persistent research, and whatever branch he takes up he should first procure every book on the subject. For instance, should he attack the history and development of the various Grand Lodges of England, Lane's "Masonic Records" and the same writer's "Handybook to the Study of the List of Lodges"

would be absolutely indispensable. But considerations of this sort are rather beyond the scope of the present paper.

I now append a list of books, with their probable price and where to be obtained, but my choice has naturally been restricted by the fact that many which I should like to recommend are not procurable except by the greatest good fortune. The effort, not quite successful, to confine the full list within the purchasing power of a ten pound note, has also tended to reduce the number below what I should like; but such as it is, I believe it will go far towards making a really intelligent and industrious student master of the subject. I have divided the list into classes which will explain themselves.

ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Gould's History of Freemasonry. Sec. Quatuor Coronati.	3	15	0

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

	£	s.	d.
Brentano's Introduction to Toulmin Smith's Gilds, Early English Text Society.....	0	5	0(?)
Whymper's Facsimile of the Regius Poem. Sec. of Quatuor Coronati	0	12	6
Facsimile of Matthew Cook MS. (vol. ii., Q. C. Reprints). Sec. of Quatuor Coronati.....	0	10	6
Anderson's Constitutions, 1738, in facsimile (vol. vii., Q. C. Reprints). Sec. of Quatuor Coronati.....	0	10	6
	5	13	6

RECOMMENDED.

	£	s.	d.
Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, vol. i. Sec. of Quatuor Coronati.	1	1	0
Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, vol. ii. Sec. of Quatuor Coronati.	0	10	0
Fort's Antiquities of Freemasonry. Kenning, London....	0	10	0
Findel's History of Freemasonry. Kenning, London.....	0	7	6(?)
Preston's Illustrations of Freemasonry. Second-hand, Kenning (?).....	0	7	6(?)
Dermott's Ahiman Rezon. Second-hand, Kenning.....	0	10	0(?)
Lyon's History of Freemasonry in Scotland, Kenning, London	1	1	6
	10	1	6

ADDITIONAL.

	£	s.	d.
Hutchinson's Spirit of Masonry, or one of the others mentioned. Second-hand, Kenning (?).....	0	7	6(?)
Whymper's Religion of Freemasonry. Sec. of Quatuor Coronati	0	12	6
	11	1	6

For those, however, who can read German a most useful book is the "Algemeines Handbuch der Freimaurerei," Leipsic (second-hand from 15|- to 25|-, according to circumstances), the only really good masonic encyclopedia.

Fourth toast—"Reminiscences of Freemasonry on the Frontier."
Response by Bro. Ambrose D. Countryman of Appleton.

Bro. President and Venerable Brethren:

It may seem presumptuous in one who has no visible marks of age to address a meeting of Masonic Veterans; therefore, a word of personal explanation may be necessary to establish my right to a seat in this body. I was a Mason in spirit, when, a boy of twelve, I learned the lessons of our fraternity at my grandfather's knee; so that, when, at the age of twenty-one, I applied for admission to a masonic lodge, I was not unfamiliar with its principles. I have, also, the distinction of belonging to a family, which, consisting of the father and his six sons, can, of itself, open and work a masonic lodge; a distinction, I believe, enjoyed by but one other family in this Grand Jurisdiction.

To one whose masonic life has been bounded by city environments, Masonry on the frontier and in country lodges would have, perhaps, little charm; and yet it may not be uninteresting to know, that, on the outposts of civilization, masonic lodges are constantly springing up, and with crude working tools and meager furniture are not only complying with the spirit of the law, but with the letter of it too.

While Masonry is conservative, it is progressive. While it permits no deviation from its ancient landmarks and its established rules and usages, it is constantly pushing onward into new fields and occupying untried territory.

Of those who, fifteen or twenty years ago, pushed out into the western border of our state, to make homes for themselves and their families, many were Masons. The home established, their thoughts turned with longing to the pleasant lodge gatherings, and the study of those divine lessons which Masonry so earnestly teaches. And so the lodge followed the school, and often antedated the church, and the fire upon the altar of Masonry blazed brightly, giving warmth and comfort to all who should come within the circle of its rays, the first potent influence for good in the community.

But these things were not done without much personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice. There were no roses in the path of these pioneer Masons. Notwithstanding, they persevered in the work they loved. Would you know something of the early struggles of these frontier lodges? I will give you the history of one of them. It is the history of many others.

In the fall of 1877, in the little village of Appleton and the country tributary to it, there were, perhaps, one hundred and fifty people. Of these ten were Masons. They had come from different states to settle upon the fertile prairies of Western Minnesota. There was no railroad for miles. Everything was in a formative condition. Most of the inhabitants were farmers living many miles apart. But, by that simple necromancy which, to the uninitiated, seems so mysterious, they discovered that they were brothers. They met and decided that they must form a lodge. A petition was signed, and in due time a dispensation was granted. Then came a difficulty not foreseen—a place of meeting. There was no hall, no vacant room sufficiently secluded. Finally an attic room over a store was promised if they would help to fix it up. This they were only too glad to do. The entrance was in the rear, approached by a passage about three feet wide between two buildings, from the eaves of which on rainy nights the water dripped upon us in passing. The lodge room was under the roof; the walls were scarcely four feet high to the eaves; the floor was uncarpeted; our altar, a box covered with a blue cloth; our holy writings, a Bible borrowed from a brother, who, more pious than the rest, owned an extra copy; our chairs, benches; our working tools and jewels, of tin, made at the village tin shop. Nothing was very inviting, yet it was our masonic home, and we were proud and happy when we first opened a lodge in our humble quarters.

The ritualistic work which we did in those early days of the lodge would have furnished our venerable Custodians of the Work with frequent opportunities for criticism. Some of us were from Wisconsin; some from other states. None were familiar with the work, and in the light of later days we made sorry work of it. Yet we thought we were doing exceedingly well, and were proud of the fact that we could disseminate masonic light.

I believe that the attendance in those days was better in proportion to membership than it is now. Brethren came from the country for miles, undeterred by summer's heat or winter's cold, through rain storm and blizzard, keenly interested in the work, full of zeal and imbued with the spirit of the fraternity. Such was the early history of many lodges in Minnesota, and from the seed sown amid so many discouragements has grown a vigorous tree, whose pleasing shade gives comfort to many an old veteran, grown old in the service of Masonry.

Bro. George W. Seymour gave a short history of Zion Lodge, No. 55, at Taylors Falls, which will be printed in its order.

Bro. E. P. Barnum presented to the association a pamphlet history of Star in the West, No. 60, at Sauk Centre, Minn.

Bro. Alphonso Barto, Past Grand Master, and Brother Brown of Kansas, favored the meeting with short addresses.

Adjourned at about eleven o'clock to meet at 2 p. m. to-morrow, January 16th.

Receipts, eighty-five dollars.

G. W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16, 1896.

Pursuant to adjournment the association met in Masonic Hall, at 2 p. m.

Present: Bros. Geo. R. Metcalf, President; Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer; Giles W. Merrill, Secretary; Andrew P. Swanstrom, Marshall, and several brethren.

The committee appointed to audit the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports submitted their report as follows:

Your Committee on Auditing, having examined the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, report that they find them correct.

Signed by WM. G. TEN BROOK,
DWIGHT M. BALDWIN,
HENRY R. WELLS,
Committee.

Bro. William Lossing of Howard Lake made application for active membership, and was duly elected.

Bills to the amount of \$16.25 were ordered paid.

Receipts, five dollars.

No further business appearing, the association adjourned.

G. W. MERRILL,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

The active members of this association shall be composed of Masons in good standing and of twenty-one years of Masonic age, resident within the boundaries of the State of Minnesota, who may petition to become such. The admission fee for active membership is five dollars. This includes the badge and certificate of membership. There are no annual dues. Blank petitions may be obtained by addressing Giles W. Merrill, Secretary, 669 Laurel Ave., St. Paul.

Including the members elected since Jan. 1, 1896, there are now, January 22d, 185 active members and twenty honorary members, a total of 205 members, as per the following list:

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	George Reuben Metcalf.....	St. Paul.....	July 11, 1870	June 23, 1892	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
2	Henry Ladd Carver.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 21, 1857	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	58	Minn.
3	Benjamin Franklin Farmer.....	Spring Valley.....	March 22, 1867	June 23, 1892	Spring Valley.....	91	Minn.
4	Milton Emery Power.....	Redwood Falls.....	April 27, 1867	June 23, 1892	Antiquity.....	79	Minn.
5	William George Ten Brook.....	Duluth.....	Aug. 17, 1867	June 23, 1892	Palestine.....	165	Minn.
6	Giles William Merrill.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 3, 1870	June 23, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
7	William Henry Sterling Wright.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1870	June 23, 1892	Summit.....	32	Minn.
8	Luther Zean Rogers.....	Waterville.....	Sept. 14, 1874	June 23, 1892	Sakatah.....	19	Minn.
9	Daniel B. Smith.....	Austin.....	July 5, 1875	June 23, 1892	Fidelity.....	60	Minn.
10	Samuel Emery Adams.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 5, 1875	June 23, 1892	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
11	Alphonso Barto.....	St. Cloud.....	Nov. 16, 1876	June 23, 1892	Star in the West.....	19	Minn.
12	Joseph Hayes Thompson.....	St. Cloud.....	Dec. 1, 1876	June 23, 1892	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
13	Philip Small Harris.....	Minneapolis.....	July 6, 1866	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	700	Minn.
14	Dwight Major Baldwin.....	Red Wing.....	April 29, 1870	June 23, 1892	Red Wing.....	79	Minn.
15	John H. La Vaque.....	Duluth.....	Jan. 26, 1868	June 23, 1892	Palestine.....	79	Minn.
16	Walter Van Brunt.....	Duluth.....	Jan. 25, 1869	June 23, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
17	Daniel H. Moon.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 16, 1870	June 23, 1892	Cleveland.....	211	Ill.
18	Richard Thomas Flournoy.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 24, 1868	June 23, 1892	Fidelity.....	39	Minn.
19	Oscar Mack Metcalf.....	St. Paul.....	May 8, 1869	June 23, 1892	Ancient Landmark.....	163	Minn.
20	Charles L. West.....	Austin.....	May 9, 1865	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
21	Israel Barnard Baldwin Sprague.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 23, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
22	Edward Corning.....	St. Paul.....	May 9, 1865	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
23	Henry Levi Williams.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 15, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
24	John Wheeler Leavitt Corning.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 15, 1861	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
25	Andrew C. Dunn.....	Winona.....	Sept. 28, 1864	Jan. 10, 1893	Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Minn.
26	Charles Eaton.....	Winchester City.....	Sept. 28, 1864	Jan. 10, 1893	Winona.....	18	Minn.
27	Robert Laird McCormick.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 10, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Tuscan.....	77	Minn.
28	Benjamin Witherell Brunson.....	Hayward, Wis.....	Aug. 4, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
29	Russell Carlton Munger.....	St. Paul.....	April 3, 1869	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	188	Minn.
30	George N. La Vaque.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 3, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Palestine.....	79	Minn.
31	Alexander Schultz.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 3, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
32	Jean Conrad Fischer.....	St. Paul.....	April 6, 1869	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	3	Minn.
33	William Bickel.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 9, 1868	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
34	William Henry Grant.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 1, 1868	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
35	James C. Morrison.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.

36	William Pitt Murray.....	St. Paul.....	March 4, 1893	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
37	William Alonzo Van Slyke.....	St. Paul.....	March 9, 1890	Jan. 10, 1893	Summit.....	3	Minn.
38	Edwin Searle Beck.....	St. Paul.....	April 6, 1887	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity.....	163	Minn.
39	William Franklin Dickinson.....	Redwood Falls.....	Aug. 15, 1866	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity.....	91	Minn.
40	Thomas Montgomery.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 7, 1865	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity.....	54	Minn.
41	Edward Henry Milham.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 17, 1870	Jan. 11, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
42	Daniel Shell.....	Worthington.....	Oct. 29, 1866	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity.....	101	Minn.
43	Isaac P. Durfee.....	St. Paul.....	April 18, 1871	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity.....	101	Minn.
44	Christopher H. Smith.....	St. Paul.....	May 1, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Johns.....	1	Minn.
45	Edward W. Durant.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 26, 1857	Jan. 11, 1893	Meridian.....	56	Minn.
46	Cyrus G. Holden.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 6, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Clear Water.....	23	Minn.
47	William Tuttle Rigby.....	Chafford.....	Nov. 8, 1849	Jan. 11, 1893	Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Minn.
48	Harrison Mine.....	Winnebago City.....	June 8, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	King Solomon.....	44	Minn.
49	William Solon Mellen *.....	Shakopee.....	Aug. 4, 1865	Jan. 11, 1893	Covenant.....	526	Ill.
50	John William Boxell.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 9, 1868	Jan. 11, 1893	Golden Rule.....	65	Minn.
51	Peter Stainforth Macgowan.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. —, 1853	Jan. 11, 1893	Winthrop.....	.....	Mass.
52	William Fletcher Bailey.....	West Duluth.....	Dec. 23, 1867	Jan. 11, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
53	Abel Cox.....	Le Sueur.....	Nov. 12, 1861	Jan. 11, 1893	Union.....	45	Minn.
54	Roscoe F. Hersey.....	St. Paul.....	March 17, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Johns.....	1	Minn.
55	Jonathan Tibbets Furber.....	Madella.....	Oct. 4, 1852	Jan. 12, 1893	Madella.....	66	Minn.
56	William H. Bentley.....	Grand Meadow.....	March 1, 1882	Jan. 12, 1893	Grand Meadow.....	121	Minn.
57	John H. Low.....	Slayton.....	Feb. 15, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Murray.....	199	Minn.
58	Alonzo Brandenburg.....	Redwood Falls.....	Nov. 11, 1865	Jan. 12, 1893	Antiquity.....	91	Minn.
59	William E. Baker.....	Fergus Falls.....	May 16, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	Corner Stone.....	99	Minn.
60	John J. Rhoads.....	St. Paul.....	July 17, 1872	Jan. 12, 1893	Mount Moriah.....	35	Minn.
61	Solon A. Stroh.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 17, 1860	Jan. 12, 1893	Catact.....	2	Minn.
62	Sheldon Lord.....	Minneapolis.....	April 16, 1866	Jan. 12, 1893	Ionic.....	186	Minn.
63	Orville Gilbert Miller *.....	Duluth.....	May 22, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
64	Charles Brust.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 27, 1858	Jan. 12, 1893	Charity.....	98	Minn.
65	John Niven.....	New Ulm.....	Nov. —, 1868	Jan. 12, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
66	Lyssander Cook.....	Good Thunder.....	Oct. 14, 1850	Jan. 12, 1893	Joppa.....	76	Minn.
67	Anthony La Due.....	Manitowish.....	Sept. 10, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Manitowish.....	11	Minn.
68	Amrose D. Countryman.....	Appleton.....	Sept. 16, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	Appleton.....	137	Minn.
69	Chester Goss Higbee.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 30, 1871	Jan. 12, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
70	George D. McArthur.....	Blue Earth City.....	July 15, 1857	Jan. 12, 1893	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
71	John J. Thornton.....	St. James.....	July 3, 1864	Jan. 12, 1893	Libanus.....	96	Minn.
72	Robert Holgate.....	Red Wing.....	March 26, 1869	March 9, 1893	Red Wing.....	8	Minn.
73	William S. Dedon.....	Taylor's Falls.....	Sept. 18, 1870	March 9, 1893	Zion.....	55	Minn.
74	Orrin C. Meaker.....	Lead, S. D.....	April 17, 1868	March 9, 1893	Excelsior.....	113	Minn.
75	Adam Finck.....	Excelsior.....	Feb. 5, 1862	March 9, 1893	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
76	John R. Carey.....	Duluth.....	April 3, 1869	March 9, 1893	Palestine.....	79	Minn.
77	John Savage Noble.....	Browns Valley.....	Dec. 27, 1871	May 1, 1893	Kodahva.....	153	Minn.
78	Benjamin Ash Provoost.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 27, 1868	May 1, 1893	Truene.....	199	Minn.
79	Romaine Sheire.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 19, 1866	May 1, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.

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					Lodge.	No. State.
82	Ira Martin Swartz	St. Paul	Aug. 16, 1867	May 1, 1893	Story	4 Utah.
83	Julius Henry Burwell	St. Paul	March 15, 1872	May 1, 1893	Summit	163 Minn.
84	Delos Abram Monfort	St. Paul	Feb. 3, 1857	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
85	Archie Cathline	St. Paul	Jan. 29, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	St. Paul	3 Minn.
86	William Parker Jewett	St. Paul	March 21, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
87	John W. Whitcup Eddy	Morris	Dec. 2, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Golden Sheaf	133 Minn.
88	Charles H. Goodwin	Minneapolis	Dec. 11, 1867	Jan. 1, 1894	Minnehaha	165 Minn.
89	William F. Mowatt	Minneapolis	May 31, 1865	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin	4 Minn.
90	George Zeller	Minneapolis	Feb. 1, 1870	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin	4 Minn.
91	Arnon Carson Cameron	St. Paul	Aug. 24, 1866	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
92	Isaac P. Wright	St. Paul	—, 1859	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
93	Neville Staughton*	Winona	Feb. 18, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Winona	18 Minn.
94	Benjamin J. Knapp	St. Paul	Oct. 4, 1870	Jan. 9, 1894	St. Paul	3 Minn.
95	Joseph Bergfeld	St. Paul	Sept. 7, 1854	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
96	Isaac Bower	St. Paul	Nov. 11, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
97	George Unsaker	St. Paul	May 18, 1871	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
98	Nathan Kinsley	Austin	July 16, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Meridian	56 Minn.
99	Robert S. Miles	Glencoe	July 20, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Hope	42 Minn.
100	Albert J. Sture	Hokah	May 5, 1863	Jan. 9, 1894	Hokah	17 Minn.
101	John Hutton	Winom	Jan. 15, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Prudence	97 Minn.
102	James Francis Tostevin	St. Paul	May 24, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
103	George Adelbert Blair	Waterville	Oct. 2, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Sakatah	32 Minn.
104	Henry R. Wells	Preston	Feb. 21, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Preston	36 Minn.
105	Edward Phelps Barnum	St. Cloud	Feb. 27, 1857	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the West	60 Minn.
106	Loren W. Collins	St. Cloud	Feb. 4, 1861	Jan. 11, 1894	North Star	23 Minn.
107	Clark Keyser	St. Cloud	Jan. 17, 1863	Jan. 11, 1894	Mankato	12 Minn.
108	Charles W. Burdic	St. Paul	March 4, 1870	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the East	33 Minn.
109	William T. Rich	Pipstone	Nov. 19, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Midway	185 Minn.
110	Charles C. Goodnow	St. Paul	Feb. 19, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Quarry	148 Minn.
111	Hiram De Esten Brown	La Crescent	Dec. 28, 1869	Jan. 10, 1894	Summit	163 Minn.
112	W. Milton Selby	La Crescent	Nov. 19, 1869	Feb. 10, 1894	Klurum	29 Minn.
113	Robert Bruce Langdon*	La Crescent	Dec. 1, 1866	Feb. 10, 1894	Morning Star	112 Minn.
114	Thomas Munshall	Osakis	Jan. 7, 1866	April 13, 1894	Osakis	180 Minn.
115	George Russell Babbitt	St. Paul	Feb. 10, 1859	April 13, 1894	Summit	163 Minn.
116	Charles Frederick Mahler	St. Paul	Feb. 10, 1859	April 13, 1894	Summit	163 Minn.

117	George William Seymour.....	Taylor Falls.....	Jan. 7, 1863	April 13, 1894	Zion.....	58	Minn.
118	William Parker Brown.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 9, 1867	April 13, 1894	Red Wing.....	58	Minn.
119	Eben Lovering.....	St. Paul.....	July 8, 1865	April 13, 1894	Carroll.....	57	N. H.
120	John H. Sutherland.....	DePott.....	May 4, 1857	June 4, 1891	Mount Tabor.....	106	Minn.
121	Andrew Peter Swanson.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 6, 1873	Jan. 3, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Ohio.
122	Watson Eugene Bonlock.....	St. Paul.....	April 16, 1870	Jan. 3, 1895	Walnut Hills.....	483	Minn.
123	William Cox.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 7, 1868	Jan. 3, 1895	Friendship.....	212	Minn.
124	Joseph E. McWilliams.....	Graceville.....	Jan. 13, 1867	Jan. 3, 1895	Summit.....	163	Minn.
125	Robert Armstrong Smith.....	St. Paul.....	June 12, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	44	Minn.
126	Isaac Lincoln.....	St. Paul.....	March 25, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.....	5	Minn.
127	Frederick Richter.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 30, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	133	Minn.
128	John House.....	Morris.....	April 28, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Golden Sheaf.....	380	N. Y.
129	Jonathan D. Sprague.....	Morris.....	Dec. 3, 1873	Jan. 15, 1895	Murray.....	8	Minn.
130	Lathrop E. Reed.....	St. Paul.....	April 2, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
131	Alexander Donald.....	St. Paul.....	March 18, 1868	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	3	Minn.
132	Edward Seymour Baldwin.....	St. Paul.....	April 1, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	St. Paul.....	166	Minn.
133	Oscar Fitzallen Bardwell.....	White Bear.....	Feb. 9, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Garnet.....	142	Minn.
134	John Fairfield Stone.....	Pine City.....	Jan. 16, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Jasper.....	164	Minn.
135	Neil Currie.....	Currie.....	Oct. 13, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Currie.....	142	Minn.
136	John Robert Storr.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 16, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
137	Levi T. Lyon.....	Hokah.....	May 21, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Hokah.....	17	Minn.
138	Benjamin Franklin Thurber.....	Worthington.....	March 16, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	Fraternity.....	101	Minn.
139	Clarence Adelbert Hubbard.....	Lake City.....	Jan. 8, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Carnelian.....	40	Minn.
140	Irving Todd.....	Hastings.....	Jan. 13, 1864	Jan. 16, 1895	Dakota.....	7	Minn.
141	William L. Humason.....	Stewartville.....	Oct. 1, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Stewartville.....	203	Minn.
142	Henry M. Tusler.....	St. Paul.....	April 29, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit.....	163	Minn.
143	William Harwood Carter.....	Browns Valley.....	June 11, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Kodahya.....	153	Minn.
144	John Sutheimer.....	Chaska.....	Dec. 29, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Chaska.....	151	Minn.
145	Thomas Chase Shapleigh.....	Hallock.....	Sept. 13, 1853	Jan. 16, 1895	Hallock.....	212	Minn.
146	Francis Cartwell.....	Le Sueur.....	March 9, 1867	Jan. 16, 1895	Union.....	45	Minn.
147	Jared G. Wheeler.....	Kasson.....	May 1, 1868	Jan. 17, 1895	Huram Abi.....	83	Minn.
148	Henry Orme.....	St. Paul.....	April 11, 1867	Jan. 26, 1895	Summit.....	163	Minn.
149	Charles Henry Mix.....	Crookston.....	Feb. 12, 1857	Mch. 30, 1895	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
150	Alfred S. D mond.....	Winthrop.....	Mch. 29, 1864	Mch. 30, 1895	Sibley.....	209	Minn.
151	James Henry Thomas.....	Crookston.....	Aug. 9, 1873	Mch. 30, 1895	Crookston.....	141	Minn.
152	James Cotter Hawes.....	Red Wing.....	May 21, 1866	Aug. 3, 1895	Red Wing.....	8	Minn.
153	George Forsyth.....	Brainerd.....	Sept. 15, 1864	Oct. 19, 1895	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
154	John Taylor Frater.....	Tower.....	Dec. 15, 1872	Dec. 28, 1895	Vermillion.....	197	Minn.
155	Elisha Morcom.....	St. Paul.....	May 7, 1866	Dec. 28, 1895	Red Wing.....	8	Minn.
156	Andrew Allen.....	St. Paul.....	April 1, 1868	Dec. 28, 1895	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
157	William Cole Ashton.....	Fort Snelling.....	Mch. 3, 1854	Jan. 14, 1896	Mansfield.....	36	N. J.
158	James M. J. Sanno.....	Brainerd.....	June 24, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Aurora.....	100	Minn.
159	George A. Keene.....	Marshall.....	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Delta.....	119	Minn.
160	Silas N. Harrington.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 7, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Eau Claire.....	112	Wis.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
162	Max Frankel	St. Paul.....	Mch. 4, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Ancient Landmark....	5	Minn.
163	Thomas Jefferson Lombard**.....	Hudson, Wis.....	Dec. 10, 1881	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.....	44	Minn.
164	John F. Humiston	Heron Lake.....	April 22, 1867	Jan. 14, 1896	Columbia.....	210	Minn.
165	Daniel W. Pond	St. Paul.....	—, 1855	Jan. 14, 1895	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
166	David Hanna	White Bear Lake.....	Mch. 3, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Golden Sheaf.....	166	Minn.
167	William J. Munro	Morris.....	—, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.....	133	Minn.
168	Jos. Merritt Underwood	Lake City.....	Mch. 7, 1871	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona.....	40	Minn.
169	John W. Kennedy	Lake City.....	Jan. 21, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Red Wing.....	18	Minn.
170	Samuel R. Van Sant	Winona.....	Mch. 29, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	St. Paul.....	8	Minn.
171	William C. Williston.....	Red Wing.....	.....	Jan. 14, 1896	Relief.....	18	Minn.
172	Henry Hinkens.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	Anchor.....	81	Minn.
173	George W. Ballard.....	Dodge Center.....	Nov. 1, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Huron Abi.....	83	Minn.
174	Francis B. Hubbard.....	St. Paul.....	July 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Good Faith.....	90	Minn.
175	August E. Anderson	Kasson.....	June —, 1865	Jan. 15, 1896	Blue Earth City.....	57	Minn.
176	Alexander Fiddes.....	Jackson.....	Feb. 8, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	Meridian.....	56	Minn.
177	James Jenks.....	St. Cloud.....	Aug. 5, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Illustrious.....	63	Minn.
178	Henry P. Constans.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 31, 1868	Jan. 15, 1896	Ancient Landmark.....	5	Minn.
179	Thomas Cox.....	Chathfield.....	Sept. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Farbault.....	9	Minn.
180	William Stratford.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 28, 1860	Jan. 15, 1896	Huron Abi.....	83	Minn.
181	Hugh E. Grant.....	Planview.....	Oct. 21, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Anoka.....	30	Minn.
182	Augustus Smith.....	Farbault.....	June 3, 1871	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
183	Walter Birch.....	Manorville.....	Sept. 25, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Catact.....	2	Minn.
184	Peter J. Schwarg.....	Anoka.....	Dec. 10, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	North Star.....	23	Minn.
185	Oscar L. Cutter.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 27, 1866	Jan. 12, 1893	Carver.....	111	Minn.
186	Alex. Newell Hayes.....	Duluth.....	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 16, 1896	Howard.....	82	Minn.
187	Robert Forbes.....	St. Cloud.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
188	John Charles Munro	St. Paul.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
189	Henry R. Denny*.....	Howard Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
190	William Lossing.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Deceased.

** Transferred from honorary list.

ROSTER OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	MEMBERSHIP IN		State.
					Lodge.	No.	
1	Henry R. Wells, P. G. M. (a)	Preston, Minn.	Feb. 21, 1866	Dec. 3, 1892	Preston	36	Minn.
2	Royal H. Gove, P. G. M.	Rochester, Minn.	July 3, 1868	Jan. 10, 1893	Rochester	21	Minn.
3	William Lee, P. J. G. W. (b)	Hastings, Minn.	Sept. 9, 1873	Jan. 11, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
4	George Henry Davis, P. G. M.	Mankato, Minn.	March 9, 1873	Jan. 12, 1893	Aurora	100	Minn.
5	Henry R. Denny, P. G. M. (a)	St. Paul, Minn.	Sept. 8, 1883	Jan. 12, 1893	Carver	111	Minn.
6	Philo Patterson Hubbell *	Winona, Minn.	May 7, 1880	Jan. 12, 1893	Winona	18	Minn.
7	John Corson Smith, P. G. M. (c)	Chicago, Ill.	May 21, 1889	March 3, 1893	Miners	273	Ill.
8	Theodore Sutton Parvin, G. Sec. P. G. M. (c)	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	May 7, 1889	March 3, 1893	Iowa	2	Ia.
9	Josiah Hayden Drummond, P. G. M. (c)	Portland, Me.	Jan. 15, 1849	March 3, 1893	Waterville	33	Me.
10	John James Bell, P. G. M. (d)	Exeter, N. H.	Dec. 27, 1849	March 3, 1893	Star in the East	59	N. H.
11	George William Speth, P. M. (c)	London, Eng.	March 25, 1872	March 3, 1893	Quatuor Coronati	2076	Eng.
12	Francis Ashbury Blades (c)	Detroit, Mich.	March 6, 1884	March 3, 1893	Kilwinning	297	Mich.
13	Edwin Allen Sherman (c)	Oakland, Cal.	June 6, 1884	March 3, 1893	Oakland	188	Cal.
14	Charles Griswold, P. G. M.	St. Paul, Minn.	June 15, 1886	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul	3	Minn.
15	Thomas Jefferson Lombard, P. S. G. W. (c)	Blue Earth City, Minn.	May 17, 1873	June 4, 1894	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
16	Daniel Sicksels (c)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1881	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon	44	Minn.
17	William Wallace Lee, P. G. M. (c)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 19, 1848	Jan. 16, 1895	Aurora Grata	756	N. Y.
18	Manuel Ruiz Insa (c)	Meriden, Conn.	Sept. 1, 1884	Jan. 16, 1895	Meridian	77	Conn.
19	Dewitt Clinton Cregier, P. G. M. (c)	Havana, Cuba	April 5, 1885	Jan. 16, 1895	Amor Fraternal	5	Cuba.
20	Benjamin F. Chase (c)	Chicago, Ill.	—, 1860	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
21	George W. Prescott, P. G. M.	Chicago, Ill.	—, 1863	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney	271	Ill.
22	Henry Augustus Denny (b)	San Francisco, Cal.	Dec. 14, 1884	Mch. 28, 1895	Henry S. Baird	211	Mass.
23	Amasa H. Nichols (c)	Hyde Park, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1824	Jan. 15, 1896	Morning Star	719	N. Y.
24	Theophilus Pratt (c)	Brooklyn, N. Y.	June 10, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	Acanthus	728	N. Y.
25		New York, N. Y.	April 25, 1851	Jan. 15, 1896	Alma		N. Y.

* Deceased May 29, 1893, aged ninety-four.—A Mason for over seventy-three years.

a Transferred to list of active members.

b Over fifty years a Master Mason.

c For eminent services to Masonry.

d Deceased.

